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LEVY SUMS UP IN DEFENSE OF ACCUSED ACTRESS

"I shall be acquitted. I shall be free to-day."
—Nan Patterson

NAN PATTERSON

DECLARES AS TRIAL NEARS END:

'I SHALL BE FREE TO-DAY!'

Sketched by a Boston American Artist.

NAN PATTERSON AS SHE APPEARS IN COURT.

"You Must Acquit Her or Find Her Guilty of Murder," Lawyer Tells Jury---"Florodora" Girl Confident of Verdict in Her Favor.

By Boston American Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"You must either acquit this girl or give her the full punishment of the law. She's guilty of murder or she's not guilty. Young either killed himself by accident or design or she killed him. You must decide. You must not compromise with your conscience, and say to yourselves that this is an immoral woman and she must be put away. And may God help you to reach a just verdict."

This remarkable statement in the speech of Abraham Levy, counsel for Nan Patterson, in his summing up, caused a sensation in Justice Davis's court room to-day. Mr. Levy pleaded hard for the life of the former "Florodora" girl, charged with the murder of "Caesar" Young. Mr. Levy's speech was remarkable for its apparent frankness, sincerity and belief in the innocence of his client.

SHE LISTENED EAGERLY.

Nan Patterson listened with eager, rapt attention throughout. She seemed confident that the verdict of the jury would free her from prison. With her case going to the jury to-day she packed all her possessions in the Tombs, ready to leave at once, and declared:

"I shall be acquitted. I shall be free to-day."

Mr. Levy in his speech attacked the circumstantial evidence of the prosecution. He made no attempt to smooth over the past life of Nan Patterson or shield her reputation in any way. But he vigorously ambushed her innocence of the charge of murder and declared that every circumstance showed that Young was a suicide.

The Last Appeal.

With the announcement that Nan Patterson should know her fate to-day, her chief counsel, Abraham Levy, began his last appeal to the jury. The actress has recovered from the collapse of last night. When she came into court to-day, she was bright and seemed happy and confident.

"I am all ready to leave the Tombs this evening," she told her aged father. "All my things are packed up, and the matron will send them to Washington, so that after the jury comes in I will not have to go back to the cell."

Such was her confidence that she would be acquitted. Miss Patterson never considered the possibility of being convicted. She did not realize that before the case would be given to the jury her relentless prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney Rand, would repeat to the jury all the bad he knew of her, would point out all the dark spots in her life which she had hoped were forgotten.

Motion to Discharge Denied.

Mr. Rand withdrew his motion to strike out certain of the testimony to which he had objected and then Mr. Unger of the defendant's counsel, moved that the defendant be discharged, under section No. 410 of the Code, which provides that a justice may take the case from the jury if he believes that the prosecution has not established a case.

This motion was promptly denied by Justice Davis, and then Mr. Levy opened his concluding address to the jury, in which he set out to prove by deduction that Nan Patterson did not murder Caesar Young, but that the bookmaker shot and killed himself.

Quietly, and in a voice that at first was not audible in all parts of the court room, Mr. Levy began his plea.

"We have now reached the moment when the last words are to be spoken for this girl, who is charged with a terrible murder.

"Under the skilled, calm, impartial judgment of the learned Judge, the evidence has all been printed, and I believe that it behooves me to say a word at the outset in rendering a tribute of appreciation, both to the Judge and the learned prosecuting official.

"Remember Your Oath."

"Now, gentlemen of the jury, out of your minds is to come the verdict that will consign this girl to punishment or that will allow her to go to the loving arms of her father, a free and innocent woman. Just as you render unto her so unto you will be rendered. Constantly you should have gazing in your ears during your deliberation the simple words of your oath to render justice.

"So may God help you, gentlemen, to a wise conclusion.

"We are told that this is circumstantial case. And we are told that the inference

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JAPANESE FLEETS RUSHING SOUTH TO SMASH CZAR'S SHIPS

TOGO'S COMBINED SQUADRONS NOW SEEKING REMNANT OF RUSSIA'S NAVY.

Special Cable to Boston American.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A great sea battle between the battleship and cruiser squadrons of the Japanese and the Russian fleet off the east coast of Asia is rapidly approaching.

The Japanese have sent a fleet southward to meet the ships of Rojestvensky. The fleet is said to be composed of forty vessels, including transports and colliers. The best ships of the combined squadrons of Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kamimura are in this fleet, which is powerful enough to destroy the Russians, in the belief of European experts.

The Russian fleet is at present divided into two divisions. Admiral Folkersham's division, the same that fired on the British trawlers in the North Sea, has entered the Indian ocean. It comprises twenty ships. Admiral Rojestvensky's division, of fifteen ships or more is in the vicinity of the Cape of Good Hope. The Russians are expected to concentrate at the Chagos group of islands, south of India, whence

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WAS KNOCKED DOWN AND HIT BY A TORCH

So Testifies Sergeant Fitzgerald Who Says He Struck No Tech Student.

Sergeant Fitzgerald, of Station 10, testified in his own behalf at his trial to-day before the Police Board, on charges preferred after the board's investigation of the conflict between the police and Tech students.

He said that he was not in command on that night, being assigned to assist Sergeant Arnold. In the rush of the students he declared he was knocked down and trampled upon, that his helmet was knocked off. He asserted that he had to fight to recover his badge, which was torn from his coat.

Accepting in his testimony the students fought every inch of the ground. He exhibited his coat in evidence. It was torn and burned where a torch, he said, had been hurled at him.

"Did you hit anyone on that night?" asked Attorney Bartlett.

"I hit no one that night," he replied, "I saw no officers strike any students."

MAY ASK FOR INDICTMENT OF CHAPDELAINE

State Police May Now Go to Grand Jury in the Brigham Murder Case.

Chief Shaw of the State police stated to a BOSTON AMERICAN reporter to-day that the Grand Jury of Worcester County may be requested to indict fifteen year-old Orrie Chapdelaine on the charge of murdering Mrs. Emma R. Brigham in Leicester on November 25.

Chief Shaw expressed surprise that the boy was acquitted by the Worcester court.

"If an indictment is found against Chapdelaine after his discharge on the preliminary examination by Judge Utley the case would become similar to that of Professor Eastman of Harvard, who was arraigned on the charge of shooting his brother-in-law, Richard Gregan, and discharged. He was later indicted, placed on trial and acquitted.

"After his acquittal, young Chapdelaine, with his mother and father, went directly to the little home of the family on Grove street, Leicester, within a stone's throw of the scene of the murder. When seen there to-day by a BOSTON AMERICAN reporter, the boy expressed his gratitude to the townspeople who have stood by him, and to the judge who discharged him.

"I have done very little worrying, because I knew I was innocent," he said. "I have eaten three square meals a day and have slept every night.

"No one would like to find the person who killed Mrs. Brigham better than I would."

"I have not had a night's sleep since they took my boy away on that terrible charge," said Mrs. Chapdelaine. "While we knew that pride was innocent, it has, of course, brought us a great deal of trouble and worriment, because we did not know what circumstantial evidence the police had against him. I have prayed every night that he would be discharged, and last night was the first that I rested."

BOY UNCLES WANT TO CARE FOR BABY GIRL

Protesting that they were able and willing to provide for their little two and one-half-year-old neice, Olga, whose mother died of consumption yesterday, William P. and Edward P. McCarthy, two lads of fifteen and eleven years respectively, asked the court at a hearing given them in Medford to-day that they be allowed to retain charge of the baby girl, who with her two boy uncles, are now being cared for in the Harrison Avenue home.

Despite the request of the boys the court ordered the case continued until December 28, and they will remain in the Home until some disposition is made of their case.

Last week the children were brought into court, where it was learned that for a number of weeks they had been living in the kitchen of the house, the baby being cared for by the boys, who, by doing odd jobs here and there had been able to earn enough money to keep bodies and soul together. Three weeks ago the baby became sick and the boys nursed her, the father, who works in the Navy Yard, going only long enough for them, it is alleged. Upon hearing their story the court ordered them sent to the Home in Boston.

MOTHER FOUGHT TO KIDNAP HER OWN BOY

MRS. GEORGE ELLIS, FRUSTRATED IN ATTEMPT, WILL SEEK TO GET SON BY LAW.

Special to the Boston American.

LEOMINSTER, Dec. 21.—Failing to secure by force the custody of her four-year-old son, who has been living at the home of his uncle, William Ellis, No. 100 North Main street, for more than a year, Mrs. George Ellis of Dorchester, has made preparations to bring action in the courts, through Attorney James H. P. Dyer, to recover the child.

The mother made a sensational attempt to get possession of the boy, and was only prevented by the united efforts of the boy's uncle and his aunt, Miss Jennie Ellis. Mrs. Ellis drove to the house in a hack, entering unobserved. She caught the child up in her arms and ran from the house, followed by her sister-in-law.

The boy screamed, while mother and aunt tugged at him. The hackman refused to interfere and Mrs. Ellis had almost succeeded when William Ellis appeared and took the child away from its mother by force.

Mrs. Ellis at once drove to the office of her attorney. Mr. Ellis said that his brother, before his death, had placed the boy in his care. He is willing that the mother should have the boy, he said, if she can show ability to provide a home for him. He allowed the boy to go to her once before, but found that she was boarding the little fellow out, and brought him back to Leominster.

The struggle in front of the Ellis home caused a sensation and attracted a large crowd. A neighbor telephoned for Ellis, who came in time to prevent the kidnaping.

2 KILLED, 15 HURT, IN TRAIN WRECK

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—It is reported from Menominee that Engineer Martin Gavin and Fireman Louis Miller, of a fast Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train, were killed, and fifteen passengers badly injured in a wreck at Lena, near Menominee.

NOTED ADMIRAL IS DEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Sir Erasmus Ommaney, the famous old naval officer and veteran, is dead. Sir Erasmus was born in 1814. He entered the navy in 1826, and in 1877 had risen to the rank of admiral.

"SHE IS GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY; SEND HER TO CHAIR OR FREE HER."--NAN PATTERSON'S LAWYER TO JURY

COMPROMISE NOT POSSIBLE, SAYS MR. LEVY

In Summing Up Counsel Attacks Circumstantial Evidence.

DOES NOT SPARE GIRL

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must be deducted from the facts in the case. You are told that you must not conjecture or surmise. A circumstantial case brings with it the suggestion of human frailty."

Discussing at some length circumstantial evidence, Mr. Levy said that people in some parts of the world could not believe water was frozen in other parts of the world because they had never seen it. He spoke of the unreliability of direct testimony and pointed out how much more unreliable would be circumstantial evidence made up of uncertain links.

No Burden on Defendant.

"The defendant shall carry no burden," says the law. The burden must be carried by the prosecution. That is the law of the best minds. There are some nations which, I understand, require the burden to be placed on the defendant to prove innocence. What a greater mantle is thrown about the defendant than all this. The law says that you cannot convict a person unless the case is proven beyond a reasonable doubt. It is not a matter of guess or surmise. And in this case there is as much room for reasonable doubt that you as conscientious men can bring in but one verdict—the innocence of the defendant."

Mr. Levy pointed out the weakness of the prosecution's case. He spoke of the conflicting testimony of the salesman and the boy who jumped on the cab step, and discussed from this unreliability of human evidence.

No Compromise in Case.

"There is no compromise in this case. Either Young killed himself or he was killed by the defendant. He was not killed by the salesman up above. There must be no compromise on a verdict of a lesser degree."

Mr. Levy spoke of the life of the defendant, of her past, and she was fully declared.

"Were her soul black she is entitled to as square and fair a trial as the severest and purest matron.

"Women do not go wrong because of something innate in them. They would be pure as the sun's ray by natural desire and inclination. It is the man with sin to blame.

The defendant's counsel told of the life of Young and of his complete disposition. He said that Young was a man who would naturally love two women. He declared that there had been no evidence brought on to show that the defendant had stood in the way of Young doing his full duty by his wife. Levy said that he and Young were pretty far on the walking on the Newport road for the verdict of the jury, whatever it is, concerning her husband's death.

Went Over the Story.

"Let us take up this defendant's story. I will prove out of the months of the precious witness her story and I will prove its absurdity and with the causes of that we have nothing to do.

Mr. Levy took up the actress's story at the time of her arrival in this city at the Hotel Navarre, where she met J. Morgan Smith. This was the third time she met Smith and his wife were not here, and were it possible I would bring them here. But he is not here, and since he is not here speculation does not enter into this case.

Mr. Levy declared that no evidence had been brought to show that Young had tried to get rid of her.

Why, if that were so, did he write her at that time to Washington, beginning his letters 'Dearest Nan' and ending them 'With love and kisses, Frank,' and urging her to come to this city, and this was on May 1. Why did he write to her on May 2 that 'I've got to win a big bet for myself and you this Summer? Does that sound like a man who was trying to get rid of a girl?'

Attacks Threatening Letter.

Counsel for the actress took the letter alleged to have been written by Julia Smith to Young, warning him that Nan was in a dangerous state of mind. Levy made a bitter attack upon Smith and his wife.

"I would to God we could bring Julia and her disreputable husband here. I dont know what their differences were.

"Counsel declared that it was unreasonable to believe that Young, after once getting possession of the letter, should return it again to his wife, when it was full of evidence of his own evil acts. He declared that the letter never came into Young's possession, but that it was kept by the wife as evidence in a possible case for divorce. He said that the conversation at Reisenweber's in which it was testified that Mr. Kean had shown this letter to the defendant **was manufactured.**

EARL OF SUFFOLK THINKS CHORUS GIRL INNOCENT

By Boston American Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—I won't let court long enough to form an opinion worth much consideration about the guilt or innocence of Nan Patterson, but this much I cannot help but say: I do not believe that a girl like the young actress could be guilty of such a crime."

Before leaving for Washington to-day, where on Tuesday he is to marry Miss Daisy Leiter, whose sister is Viscotess of Hollis, the Earl of Suffolk made this observation to a reporter for the BOSTON AMERICAN. The Earl was busy packing up at the Hotel Florence, Eighteenth street and Fourth avenue.

"As a lawyer and a Justice of the Peace, an office I hold at Malmesbury, it was intensely interesting to me.

"I was greatly impressed with Miss Patterson's manner of handling herself on the stand. It was superb. Her mind was as clear as a front brook, and she did not allow herself to be a bit 'rattled,' as you Americans say, by the prosecuting attorney. I think she acted as a woman, and was not playing a role as an actress. Evidently she is a woman of nerves, but they are under control.

"I was also impressed by the proceedings of the court, the absence of red tape, and the desire everywhere for fair play. There is dignity without the red tape."

The Earl and his bride will sail on the Baltic, December 28.

NAN PATTERSON AS THE "FLORODORA" GIRL.

Showing the actress as she looked when she met "Caesar" Young.

GRANITE MEN'S LOCKOUT ENDS

BARRE, Vt., Dec. 21.—The lockout in the granite industry in Washington county, ordered by the Barre Granite Manufacturers' Association as a result of a strike of 200 men from the E. R. Ellis Company's plant at Northfield last Friday, has been called off and 3,000 men have resumed to work to-day. The lockout lasted three days.

ERROR TIES UP TEACHERS' PAY

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 21.—Through an error, the school teachers of Warwick can not be paid until the State school appropriation is turned over to the town treasurer, which will not be until the new year. The janitors and others are also unpaid, and there is a holiday commotion in the town of many millionaires.

JAP FLEETS OFF TO SINK BATTLESHIPS

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they will move toward the Yellow sea in force.

To Strike Quick Blow.

The swift moving Japanese evidently hope to prevent the coalition of the two divisions. By attacking them singly they would be assured of easy victory. All the vessels of the Jap squadron have been recalled, repainted and put in first class fighting trim since the Port Arthur sea fight.

The Japanese squadron was first reported as sighted south of the Rescobrero Islands, off Formosa. To-day dispatches from Hong Kong and Shanghai say that the ships have been seen steaming south.

It is evident that Togo is to guard both the Sunda Straits and the Straits of Malacca and give quick battle the moment any of the hostile ships are sighted.

JAPANESE IN FIERCE ASSAULT ON LAST PORT ARTHUR FORTS

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A terrible bombardment of the Russian defenses at Port Arthur is in progress. With a flanking fire, made possible by heavy artillery emplaced by the Japanese on 203 Metre Hill, General Nogi has a tremendous advantage.

The outer Keekwan forts are in his possession, and the attack on the Erlung and inner Keekwan defences is progressing with fury.

The situation is such as to cause the most intense gloom in St. Petersburg and corresponding rejoicing in Tokio. In both capitals the cancellation of the strongholds is expected within a fortnight, possibly within a week.

It is apparent that General Stoessel realizes the impossibility of holding out for any great length of time in the face of the artillery fire from the hills captured by the Japs. While his garrison still defends the main line of forts, he has made every preparation to withdraw the entire garrison to Liao-Tyshan, three miles south of the town, for a last desperate stand.

At present the main line of forts is broken by the Japanese, Stoessel will be compelled to withdraw to the south. Once there, it is only a question of starving out his garrison, and this could be done within a week, as he would be completely cut off from renewal of supplies of any description.

200,000 RESERVES FOR KUROPATKIN IN THE SPRING

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—Mobilization of the reserves has been proceeding in seven military districts. This is the third and most extensive mobilization of the war and will add about 200,000 men to the army in the Far East.

It is thought the whole force can be placed in the field by Spring. It will bring General Kuropatkin's effective force, roughly estimated, to 650,000.

REED SMOOT PROSECUTION HAS RESTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—With the conclusion of examination of witnesses for the prosecution in Ex Reed Smoot case, the first stage of the famous case has reached its end. The next will begin on January 10, when witness for the defense will be heard. This will take about two weeks and the arguments of counsel probably a week more. It will, therefore, be early in February before the Senate committee on Privileges and Elections will be able to take the matter under consideration.

Proved Polygamy's Existence.

The prosecution believes that it has proved:

That many of the high officials of the Mormon Church continue to live in the polygamous relations.

That this is in direct contravention of the laws of the United States, of the State of Utah, and of the rules of the church itself.

That these rules profess to have their origin in divine revelations.

That persons who pass through the endowment house take an oath to avenge upon the United States the death of Joseph Smith, the first prophet of the Mormon Church.

That all high officers of the church have taken this oath, including, presumably, Apostle Reed Smoot.

That that oath is, in fact, treasonable and inconsistent with Smoot's oath as a Senator to support and defend the Constitution.

That officials of the Mormon Church use their allegiance to the church above that to the State and Government.

Protect your family. Make sure that money will be forthcoming for your funeral, if anything should happen to you. Life insurance to the amount of $100.00 will be given free to every reader of next Sunday's BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN. Don't fail to get a copy. Price, 5 cents everywhere.

ACCUSE LAWSON OF CONSPIRACY

The case against Thomas W. Lawson and others, brought by Receiver Pepper of the Bay State Gas Company, on the question of allowing the demurrer of the defendants, came up before Judge Bradley to-day in the Supreme Judicial Court. The Bay State Gas Company was represented by Sherman L. Whipple, and the interests of the defendants were looked after by Homer Albers.

It is alleged that the Lawson company has not made accounting for sums received for stocks; that the Lawson firm and an other company entered into a conspiracy to convert the funds to the use of the company, and that the firm borrowed $1,500,000, for which it charged a commission.

25 IMMIGRANTS ARE DEPORTED

Twenty-five immigrants were deported in Queenstown and Liverpool on the White Star liner Cymric, which sailed from Charlestown to-day, as a result of a visit to this port of Commissioner Frank P. Sargent. Nine of the twenty-five immigrants are suffering from trachoma, and the remainder are public charge cases.

A fine of $100 for each of the nine trachoma cases will be levied upon the steamship company which brought them in.

Besides the twenty-five immigrants there are 100 steerage and seven saloon passengers on the Cymric.

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SCULPTOR'S WIFE WANTS SEPARATION

Charges William Clarke Noble With Cruel and Abusive Treatment.

UNHAPPY END OF ROMANCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The unhappy outcome of a romance that six years ago interested and delighted the fashionable folk in this city and Newport has been revealed by the application of Mrs. William Clarke Noble for a separation from her husband, one of the foremost sculptors of this country, and esteemed as a great artist in Europe.

Mrs. Noble, a daughter of Mrs. Ellen E. Brassell, of No. 144 East Thirty-fourth street, fell in love with the sculptor when she was visiting in Newport. She now charges him with cruelty, and avers that his attitude of love and respect changed when he found that Mrs. Brassell in her will left only a small heritage to her daughter.

Probably no sculptor in America has achieved a greater reputation than Noble. He formed the "dancing statue in Newport, which has been called the best example of a standing figure in America."

Mrs. Noble applied for the separation before Justice Dickey, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn. She now is living in Brooklyn with her son. Pending the result of the suit she has asked for $100 a week alimony and $1,000 counsel fee. She sets forth a detailed story of her meeting, marriage and life with the sculptor.

After the marriage Mrs. Noble states her husband suggested that they live with his mother-in-law in the Brassell house in East Thirty fourth street. Mrs. Noble asserts that she and her husband went there and lived for a long time with her mother. During that time, she alleges, all of her expenses were paid by her mother and not a cent was given by her husband.

Mrs. Noble gives it as her belief that her husband's income is $10,000 a year. She says he often has told her his work is known throughout the world. He told her, she says, that he was engaged at work which would eventually bring him a fortune.

Justice Dickey ordered the attorneys on both sides to submit sworn affidavits and said he would reserve his decision.

JUDSON FOLDER A WORK OF ART

The Judson Company, tourist car tourists to Colorado, California, Oregon and Washington, have just issued their handsomely illustrated folder for the Fall and Winter of 1904 and 1905. It is a work of art showing the exterior and interior of cars used, describing the routes of points along the route, facts about their particular interests, maps indicating the country passed through, and the rates to Pacific Coast towns, in full view of the wonderful panorama of the Mountain scenery and also a particularly attractive menu. It is a piece piece of literature, concisely and full of good information to the tourist.

MOTHER'S PLEA MOVES JUDGE

Mother love proved to be the dominating power in the nature of Mrs. William Mahoney, who appeared in the Cambridge District Court to-day as complainant against her two sons, William, aged eighteen, and Eugene, aged sixteen. The boys were arraigned on charges of being idle and disorderly. When the judge intimated that he was to send the boys to the reformatory the mother pleaded eloquently with the court to give the boys another chance.

Judge Lyon severely reprimanded the boys, telling them to go to work and help support their widowed mother. He then released the boys on probation.

BOILER EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR MEN

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 21.—Four men were killed in a boiler explosion at Robbinston, a small hamlet near the city of Bloomsburg, yesterday. The men were employed at the R. F. Rolling saw mill.

BRUTES,' SAYS JUDGE, HEARING DIVORCE CASES

Sharply Scores Offenders in Suits When Cruel Treatment Is Alleged.

"It is hard for me to realize that there are so many brutes in Essex County. I wish I were possible for the court to get at all the facts in the numerous cases for divorce in which cruel and abusive treatment is alleged."

This remarkable statement was made by Justice Stevens, in the Superior Civil Court of Essex County, in Salem, after he had listened to almost a score of cases for divorce in which brutality was given as the grounds for the suit. One of these was the suit of Annie Leavitt, a pretty young woman, of Newburyport, who was married five years ago, when sixteen years old, to Walter J. Leavitt.

In her complaint she alleges that Leavitt visited her before they had been married six weeks; kicked her with his wooden leg, swore at her, called her vile names, blackened her eye, threatened to throw her out of a window, made her work, took her money and gave her nothing. She was supported by her mother, but lived with her husband for the sake of their two children. Justice Stevens granted her a decree and gave her the custody of the children.

MYSTERY IN WHITTIER CASE; DECREE REFUSED

Judge Stevens refused a decree to Mrs. Rowena May Whittier, who brought action against her husband, David F. Whittier, former alderman of Haverhill. Mrs. Whittier alleged cruelty and neglect and desertion. Her husband injuriously disparaged her name and fame, she said. Whittier is a handsome woman, twenty-eight years of age. She married Whittier when only fifteen years of age.

When the decision was rendered the courtroom was filled with friends of Mrs. Whittier, who declared it was evident that she would get the coveted decree. Much mystery surrounds the marital troubles of the Whittiers.

HOLD MORIARTY AND LONG, $500

Patrick Moriarty and John Long, the two men who were captured by a little rose planed by Miss Annie L. Mahoney, a pretty twenty two year old girl who lives at No. 84 West Broadway, were arraigned before Judge Fallon in the South Boston court to-day. Their cases were continued until December 28 and each was held in $500.

Miss Mahoney was awakened by someone climbing up the rear stairs. She caught sight of two men and shouted. Then she ran at the stairway and head them off while the other man made his escape. The two men held behind a shed. Miss Mahoney immediately sent for a policeman. The men were found and arrested.

IN WORST GALE OF THIRTY YEARS

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 21.—The White Star liner Oceanic arrived to-day, twenty hours late. Her officers say she encountered the worst weather in thirty years during this voyage.

CHILD LABOR REGULATIONS TO BE URGED

Massachusetts Representatives Have Bills Before This Congress.

DEMAND AN INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Congressman William S. McNary, of Boston, has a resolution concerning the employment of child labor, of which he is hopeful of securing the adoption during the present session.

Mr. McNary's resolution provides for an investigation by the department of Commerce and Labor of the conditions surrounding child labor, the ages at which children are employed, the duration of the days' labor and the question whether the employment of children by children of school age is required by the employers.

GRANITE STATE CLUB DINNER

At the dinner preceding ladies' night at the New Hampshire Club there were eight men representing New England universities. The dinner was given by Montgomery Rollins and those present included Dr. Charles A. Eastman and Daniel Ruggles, of Dartmouth; James C. Sawyer of Yale, Charles H. Adams of Brown, James H. Ball of Williams, Alfred L. Bates of Harvard, and F. W. Rollins and Montgomery Rollins of Technology.

Dr. Charles A. Eastman, a full blooded Sioux Indian, a graduate of Dartmouth, and President F. W. Rollins spoke at the reception.

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ALL ARE READY FOR TRIAL

"My son is in the best of spirits. He is happy over the approach of his trial. He has never lost his confidence in the result. Neither have I."

Mrs. Albert Tucker, the mother of Charles Louis Tucker, who awaits trial in the East Cambridge Court on the charge of murdering Mabel Page, made this statement to-day after her regular visit to her son in jail.

The sweet-faced little mother was also much cheered up by the visit. She had taken her son the little things that he likes to eat. She had looked after his laundry and made it possible for him to take that care of his personal appearance that has always been characteristic of the young man.

"Charlie told me that he was glad the day of the opening of his case would soon be here," said Mrs. Tucker. "He feels certain that his case is fully heard and that there can be but one verdict—that he is innocent."

There is one thing that has been worrying Mrs. Tucker in the length of his trial. They tell me it will last five or six weeks. I do not know how I can stand it. But I suppose I shall have to, just as I have in the past. A person never knows what he or she can stand until called upon to face the ordeal."

Seventy Talesmen for Jury.

Tucker's attorney's, Vahey, Innes & Mansfield, are rapidly completing their preparations for the defence of the prisoner. Philip Mansfield, of the firm, is in New York, presumably in connection with the case. It is believed that he is making a study of the records of some of the recent big murder cases of that city in which expert testimony was an important feature.

Seventy talesmen have been selected from which an attempt will be made to get the Tucker jury.

This trial, which, it is believed, will prove one of the longest and most bitterly contested that has ever taken place in New England, will begin in the East Cambridge court a week from next Monday morning.

Anticipate Delay.

It is believed that a great deal of delay will be experienced in the selection of the jury because of the peculiarities of the case.

One of the questions that will be asked each talesman is: "Do you believe in capital punishment?" A failure to reply in the affirmative to this query will, of course, eliminate that particular talesman as to a possibility of serving as one of the "twelve good men and true" to try Tucker.

Another and fully as important a question in this particular case is to be put to the talesmen will be in reference to their understanding and belief as to circumstantial evidence. As the whole case of the prosecution, so far as is known, will be circumstantial, the candidates for the jury will be very searchingly examined upon this point.

Cambridge Men Notified.

Should it not be possible to get the twelve jurymen from this panel of seventy, another quota will have to be drawn. The following Cambridge men have been served with notices to appear for examination as jurymen on the ensuing day of the trial:

W. H. Goldsmith, No. 417 Massachusetts avenue; R. Goldsmith, No. 114 Prospect street; D. J. Madden, No. 1426 Cambridge street; H. Cooley, No. 707 Gordon street; C. G. Green, No. 7 Washington avenue; John Lane, No. 52 Hire street; John Amee, No. 172 Hancock street; Frank Groser, No. 30 Vine street; Frank Tufts, No. 27 Ninth street; James McGowan, No. 220 Prospect street; Arnold Glidden, No. 7 Ashton place; Horace Sargent, No. 422 Cambridge street; Francis Burton, No. 10 Hillside avenue; Albert Norman, No. 57 Magazine street.

Photograph by Boston American Staff Photographer.

MR. PAGE, FATHER OF MURDERED WOMAN.

CONSOLIDATED GAS WEAKENS

The bears made a drive at Consolidated Gas stock in Wall street and succeeded in forcing the price down nearly four points. This attack unsettled the general list somewhat, and a beating time of prices resulted.

The Wall street market was dull. The public showed no interest in the speculation.

Boston stocks were dull and irregular. Greene advanced nearly one point, while Calumet & Hecla dropped back five points. Amalgamated held steady at first and then lost ground.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

	Opening.	1 p.m.
Amalgamated Copper	97⅝	97⅞
American Car & Fdy	37⅝	37⅝
American & Fndy pref	93⅝	93
American Locomotive	37	36⅞
American Smelting	93⅛	92⅝
American Sugar	142	142⅝
American Woolen	34	34
American Woolen pref	94	94
Atchison	85⅞	85⅞
Atchison pref	103⅝	103⅝
Brighton	200	200
Boston Con	61	61
Boston Elevated	152	152
Boston & Maine	171	170
Calumet & Hecla	640	640
Centennial	24⅛	24⅛
Chicago Junction	17	17
Copper Range	65⅜	65⅜
Dairy Weat	12	11⅞
Dominion Iron	17⅝	17⅝
Franklin	31	31
Granby	8	8
Guanajuato	5⅝	5⅝
Isle Royale	26½	26½
Mass Electric	14	14
Mass. Electric preferred	57	57
Mass. Gas	98	98
Mass. Gas preferred	88¼	88¼
Mexican	40	40
Mohawk	49½	49½
N. Y. N. H. & H.	192	192
Old Colony R. R.	205	205
Old Dominion	25	25
Osceola	95	95
Quincy	105	105
Shannon	8½	8½
Shoe Machinery	50⅞	50⅞
Shoe Machinery pfd	21⅜	21⅜
Tamarack	110	110
Trinity	8⅜	
United States Steel	29¼	29¼
United States Steel pfd	93	92⅞
United Fruit	107¼	107⅜
U. S. Mining	24½	24½
Union Pacific	111⅛	111⅛
Utah	41⅝	42
Wausau	11⅜	11⅜
Wolverine	104½	105

FIREMEN HURT, $300,000 LOSS

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 21.—A defective electric light wire caused fire in the New Orleans section of Columbus early to-day, entailing a loss approximating $300,000.

The carpet and curtain house of Krauss, Butler & Benham, No. 21 North High street, was destroyed, and the Wheeler Building, adjoining on the south, was badly damaged.

Several firemen were injured. Captain Jack Welsh being the most seriously hurt. An explosion buried Welsh thirty feet into the street, and several men of his company were blown off their feet.

FINED FOR FAILURE TO EDUCATE CHILD

FRANKLIN, N. H., Dec. 21.—Patrick Keaney, charged with failing to send his fourteen-year-old daughter Winnie to the public school, was fined $10 and costs.

BOSTON STOCKS.

	Opening.	1 p.m.
Adventure	3½	3½
Allouez	18	18
Amalgamated	68	67⅞
Am. Ag. Chem. pref.	80½	80½
American Telephone	140½	147
American Sugar	141	142⅝
American Woolen pref.	94	94
Arcadian	8½	8½
Atchison pref	103⅝	103⅝
Boston Con.	61	61
Boston Elevated	152	152
Boston & Maine	171	170
Calumet & Hecla	640	640
Centennial	24⅛	24⅛
Copper Range	65⅜	65⅜
Dairy Weat	12	11⅞
Dominion Iron	17⅝	17⅝
Franklin	31	31
Granby	8	8
Guanajuato	5⅝	5⅝
Isle Royale	26½	26½
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Tamarack	110	110
Trinity	8⅜	
United States Steel	29¼	29¼
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United Fruit	107¼	107⅜
U. S. Mining	24½	24½
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HEADACHES FROM COLDS.

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PRAISES STATION FOR IMMIGRANTS

After making an official inspection of the immigration station at Long Wharf, Frank P. Sargent, commissioner-general of immigration, complimented Commissioner Billings and his assistants on its neatness and cleanliness.

Speaking of the immigration of the present day, Mr. Sargent said:

"The immigrants to-day are poorer physically and financially than ever before."

TO TELL PLAN OF CARNEGIE GIFT TO-DAY

President Pritchett Expected to Inform Colleagues in Franklin Fund Trust of Details.

OPPOSITION MANIFESTED

The plan suggested by Andrew Carnegie for the addition of a contribution to the Franklin Fund will, it is expected, be submitted to his colleagues in the Franklin Fund trust by President Pritchett, of the Institute of Technology, to-day.

It is understood that Mr. Carnegie will make the donation if the trustees will adopt the idea of a trade school, to be established by the joint fund. He does not ask that his name be identified with the institution, but it is said to know that the public will still know it even if it is not done officially.

There is some opposition to the bloutification of Mr. Carnegie's name with the project, and it is recalled that Professor Agassiz of Harvard, for the sake of preventing the connection of Mr. Carnegie's name with the deep sea sounding project in the Pacific ocean, contributed $75,000 from his own means.

GEN. CRONJE IN BOSTON

General Piet Cronje, the Boer war hero, will be in Boston on Sunday. He will deliver a lecture at the Boston Theatre in the evening on the struggle of the Boers for independence. The affair will be under the auspices of the Rev. Father John J. Downey, superintendent of the Working Boys' Home. Arrangements have been made by Father Downey with Captain A. W. Lewis, who brought General Cronje to this country for the St. Louis Exposition. Captain Lewis is a young Kentuckian who went to South Africa ten years ago and won a commission in the British army. General Cronje will also tell something about his exile on the Island of St. Helena. It is expected that during his stay in the East he will visit Harvard University, and may address the students on political features of the war.

ELIOT ATTACKS TRUSTS, UNIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—In an address following the mid-winter banquet of the Quill Club, President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard University, again criticised the labor unions.

"The country is now overridden by monopolies, which, under free institutions, have become a menace.

"Look at the monopoly of the labor union, which is entirely created by the freedom of association. In England and in our own country the monopoly of labor was not created precisely as it was more than four centuries ago."

RYAN WINS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

Selected because of excellence in scholarship as one of five New York High School boys from the thousands of Manhattan youths who were eligible in 1903 to receive one of the thousand-dollar Pulitzer scholarships, Will Carson Ryan, a graduate of the Morris High School, of New York City, in the class of 1903, and now a member of the sophomore class at Harvard has been announced as one of the ten students who last year as freshmen won a Harvard Detour, the highest award for excellence in scholarship that can be made to undergraduates. The Detour also carries a scholarship of $250 for this year.

USE CABLE TO GET SUSPECTS

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 21.—Detective Hildreth has a new clew on the Shuta case. He has provided himself with a cartridge shell from the gun with which Shuta is supposed to have been killed and has been visiting hardware and sporting goods stores.

The description of the two Bertigs has been obtained and the officials at the steamers arriving at the different ports will be watched for the men.

1,200 INVITED TO ASTOR BALL

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Astor ball on January 9 is to be a "wide open" social event.

Mrs. William Astor has sent out 1,200 invitations for the affair, thus emphasizing her convictions in favor of new comers in society.

FIGURES OF FAIR.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—The official report of the director of concessions and admissions of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, made public to-day, shows that the total recorded admissions for the period of the exposition, from April 30 to December 1, inclusive, was 19,694,855, of which 12,804,818 were paid and 6,890,220 were free.

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The Board of Managers of the Franklin Fund met at Mayor Collins's office at 12 noon to-day. Nearly the entire board was present. Ex-Mayor Nathan Matthews was unable to be present on account of his business in court.

The managers began a discussion of the statements made at a recent hearing. It is understood that during the meeting the alleged offer of Andrew Carnegie to donate a substantial sum to the fund will be considered, and that statement to the press will be made regarding the terms of that offer.

PROPOSES FRANCHISE LAW FOR CONTROL OF TRUSTS

Garfield Plan to Remedy the Evils Pertaining to Interstate Commerce.

By Boston American Leased Wire.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—James H. Garfield, head of the Bureau of Corporations, in his first general report, submitted to Congress to-day, outlines a comprehensive measure of legislation which he recommends as the best remedy for the evils practiced by corporations engaged in interstate commerce. He proposes a plan of federal license, or franchise, for such companies, as preferable to the proposed plan of federal incorporation thereof. Mr. Garfield thinks that while federal incorporation is probably legally practicable, it presents serious difficulties because of its effect upon the authority of the states over the corporations in respect of taxation and local regulation. He regards federal license or franchise, however as not only legal, but entirely practicable.

Discussing the evils of the present methods of corporate business, the report says:

"Under present industrial conditions, secrecy and dishonesty in promotion, overcapitalization, unfair discrimination by means of transportation and other rebates, unfair and predatory competition, secrecy of corporate administration, and misleading or dishonest financial statements are generally recognized as the principal evils. It is admitted that the chief difficulty in the way of granting ample remedies has been the conflict between Federal and State authority as to jurisdiction over many of the acts of great industrial agencies, and the uncertainty of the extent of regulation and control or to be exercised by the Federal government over agencies engaged in both State and interstate commerce."

To Find Remedies.

"The immediate work is, hence, not to prove the existence of such evils and differences, but to find possible remedies for them. The remedies must not be simply or destroy existing bad conditions merely destruction affords only temporary relief but they must provide something better to take the place of what is changed. The imposition of severe penalties will not end industrial evils. We must find and remove their cause, leaving only the extreme or exceptional cases to be dealt with by criminal statutes.

"The Government should secure means for fair business competition. Freedom from unjust discrimination, such publicity of corporate organization and management as will disclose real financial worth and methods, should provide a jurisdiction broad enough to meet existing conditions, and then should fully protect the person or corporation obeying the law and promptly punish the violator of the law."

Summarizing the report, Mr. Garfield says:

Deep-Rooted Dissatisfaction.

"The work of the bureau has thus been almost entirely the laying of a foundation of accurate knowledge of the legal and general business conditions which it must deal, and a clear definition of the problems for the consideration of which it was created.

"The result of the work may thus be summarized:

"Commercial and industrial conditions present the foremost problems of to-day. There exists a widespread general feeling of dissatisfaction with existing conditions. Some causes of dissatisfaction are apparent, and the evil very real and great.

"The present legal conditions under which corporate business is carried on is extremely unsatisfactory. They admit of and invite extreme abuses. Furthermore, the State system applied to interstate business has developed additional and peculiar evils; a diversity so great as to amount in operation to anarchy, as in many fundamental respects the lowest form of lax regulations.

"The only adequate reform is to be expected under the State system of incorporation.

Power to Remedy Evils.

"The Government has now at its command sufficient power to remedy these conditions in its control of interstate commerce, supplemented by the ordinary use of criminal powers.

"Specific Congressional actions are:

"A. Delegation to the States of control of interstate commerce, which is declared to be unconstitutional, and, secondly, subject to all the obstructing qualifications of the present State system.

"B. Compulsory Federal incorporation of interstate commerce companies. This is probably legally practicable, but it presents serious difficulties because of its effect upon the authority of the States over corporations in respect of taxation and local regulation.

"C. Federal license or franchise for interstate commerce. Legally this is practicable. It gives the Government a powerful direct regulation of the agencies of interstate and foreign commerce.

"I, therefore, beg to suggest that Congress be requested to consider the advisability of enacting a law for the legislative regulation of interstate and foreign commerce under a license or franchise which in its general scope would provide as follows:

"The granting of a federal franchise or license to engage in interstate commerce.

"The imposition of all necessary requirements as to corporate organization and management as a condition to the granting of such franchise or license.

"The requirement of such reports and returns as may be desired as a condition to the retention of such franchises or license.

Right to Withdraw License.

"The prohibition of all corporations and corporate agencies from engaging in interstate and foreign commerce without such federal franchise or license.

"The full protection of the grantees of such franchise or license who obey the laws applicable thereto.

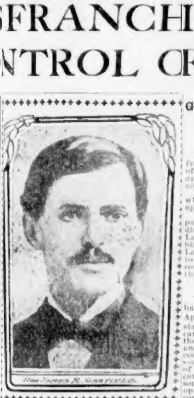
"The right to refuse or withdraw such franchise or license for violation of the requirements as to corporate organization and management as a condition to the granting of such franchise or license.

"The requirement of such reports and returns as may be desired as a condition to the retention of such franchises or license.

"The right to withdraw such franchise or license in cases of violation of the law.

"*Right of the Government to withdraw such license or franchise in case of law violation.*

"*Publicity, as remedy for many of the evils attending interstate commerce.*



JAMES R. GARFIELD.

GARFIELD REMEDY FOR TRUST EVILS

Commissioner Garfield of the Federal Bureau of Corporations proposes a license or franchise for corporations engaged in interstate commerce, as a means of bringing them under Federal control. The legislation he recommends to Congress would provide:

Granting of a Federal license to engage in interstate commerce.

Imposition of all necessary requirements, by the Government, as a condition to the granting of such a license.

Full protection of all corporations which obey the laws applicable thereto.

Right of the Government to withdraw such license or franchise in case of law violation.

Publicity, as remedy for many of the evils attending interstate commerce.

Government Control Recommended in First Report to Congress.

Franchise or license in case of violation of law, with appropriate right of judicial appeal to prevent abuse of power by the administrative officers.

Regarding the "beef trust" investigation, which is the most important thing for labor on up, the report says:

"On March 18, 1904, a resolution was passed by the House of Representatives directing the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to investigate the alleged beef combination. The Secretary of Commerce and Labor directed the Bureau of Corporations to conduct the inquiry called for in the resolution. An extended special report on this subject will shortly be submitted.

The Beef Trust Inquiry.

"Special agents, with clerical assistants, have been constantly in the field since April. They have secured comprehensive statistics fully covering the prices of cattle and of beef from the records of all of the companies in the alleged combination, and also from independent packer men, commission dealers and other outside sources. They have visited large numbers of independent packers, commission men, cattle raisers, meat dealers and other persons, with a view of ascertaining the facts and opinions relating to the existence of a combination, the movements of prices, the causes of such movements and the general conditions of the cattle and beef industry.

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CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION BEGINS TONIGHT

Able Speakers Will Give the Truth About the Gas Trust.

COMMITTEE ARE AT WORK

A campaign of education and agitation in favor of 80-cent gas, which will be conducted by a central committee composed of representatives of all the "improvement and citizens' associations of Boston, will be opened to-night at the meeting of the Faneuil Association, at Brighton. The campaign will be entirely free from politics. Its purpose will be to familiarize the people of Boston with the gas situation, that they may intelligently express their will to the Gas Commission and to their representatives on a bill repealing the gas consolidation act of 1903, which will be presented to the Legislature next month.

The central committee will furnish speakers who will address one meeting of each of the associations each month. These speakers will be fully qualified to discuss the gas situation, and when the campaign is ended every citizen will have had the opportunity of knowing what his duty is.

Ex-Representative John A. Coulthurst is the chairman of the central committee. Associated with him on it are Dr. J. E. Walsh, representing the New Cudworth Club of Dorchester; John H. Means of the South Boston Citizens' Association; Charles W. Pierce of the Brighton Improvement Association; Charles C. Delappe of the Harrison Square Improvement Association; Richard H. Robinson of the Hyde Square Citizens' Association; William Hong of the Dorchester Improvement Council; C. L. Cooke of the Sixth Improvement Association; Henry B. Sprague of the Mattapan Improvement Association; Charles S. Schwant of the East Boston Citizens' Trade Association; O. W. Rice and James M. Ginty of the Charlestown Improvement Association; James E. Coyle of the Ashmont Improvement Association; Colonel Thomas F. Doherty of the Harvard Improvement Association; Representative A. N. Lockitt of the Dorchester Improvement Association; Meyer Bloomfield of the North End Improvement Association; Jean P. Nickerson of the Mount Hope Citizens' Association, and several others.

DEATH DELAYS GAS HEARING FOR ONE DAY

The hearing before the Gas and Electric Light Commissioners at the State House to-day on the petition of the consolidated Gas Companies for a higher capitalization was put over until to-morrow on account of the funeral of the late Attorney Frederick M. Snow, representing the gas companies.

The postponement was made by agreement between the board and Attorneys Auerbach, for the people, and Hemenway, for the Mayor. Expert C. J. Humphreys will probably be the first witness called for cross-examination when the hearing is resumed to-morrow. It is understood that he is in New York, and will be in Boston for the hearing to-morrow.

When Expert Humphreys takes the stand for cross-examination by counsel for the 70,000 signers of the BOSTON AMERICAN'S petition, probably the most interesting testimony of the hearing will be brought out, as it is understood that there are many valuations contained in the New York experts' report, to the Gas Commission which do not exactly suit the attorneys for the petitioners.

EAST BOSTON IN EARNEST IN FIGHT FOR CHEAPER GAS

A large delegation of East Boston residents will attend the hearing to be given to-morrow at the State House by the Gas Commission on the petition for a reduction in the price of gas filed by consumers in that section of the city.

Attorney J. T. Auerbach, one of the attorneys for the signers of the BOSTON AMERICAN petition for eighty-cent gas, will represent the East Boston petitioners.

The following circular in connection with the hearing has been issued by Charles F. Schwaar, one of the leaders in the fight of East Boston residents for a reduction in cheaper gas:

"Don't go to the public hearing, at the State House, for better and cheaper gas in East Boston.

"To be held on December 22 next (room 14).

"Don't crowd the gas commissioners room!

"The gas lawyers might accuse you of foul memory.

"Don't kick as long as you are perfect. Be satisfied with the present gas rate and the quality of the gas light in East Boston.

"Twenty-five per cent. of water gas, mixed with coal gas, is said to be a safe limit. About 2,000,000 cubic feet of water gas, above eighty per cent., has been furnished to consumers of gas in East Boston during the year. Water gas contains carbonic oxide and hydrogen, in equal proportions, and they are combustible, but they give no light whatever. While passing through your meter they tally the same as illuminating gas. May be that it is the same way with gas bill was as high last year, at $1.25 per M. feet, as it was in 1900, when we had no water gas in East Boston, and the price was $1.50 per M. feet.

"The following gentlemen and gas consumers have signed petitions to them for better, and cheaper, gas in East Boston, and some of them have offered to appear at the hearing on December 22d—and speak.

"Members of Executive Committee: James A. Cochran, James F. Nolan, William F. McClellan, Thomas J. Sullivan, Fred A. Robinson, Charles T. Witt, R. H. Campbell, Joseph A. Coury, Charles A. Kelley, William J. Donovan, Charles M. Belcop, John McGeveny, Henry Armstrong, Charles F. Schwaar, Andrew P. Fisher, Seper A. Co., M. F. Butler, Jr., Frank W. C. Hallett, Carstensen Bros., Frank E. Burnham, Charles L. Newbury, J. Goodwin, John J. Corrigan, Samuel Goldenberg, Joseph Goldberg, George Parker, Joseph H. Barnes, Patrick J. Kennedy, Thomas W. Pike, James Maguire, William J. Burke."

Protect your family. Make sure that money will be forthcoming for your funeral, if anything should happen to you. Life insurance to the amount of $100.00 will be given free to every reader of next Sunday's BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN. Don't fail to get a copy. 5 cents everywhere.

PADEREWSKI WRITES POLISH SYMPHONY

VIENNA, Dec. 21.—Ignace Paderewski, the famous pianist, has written a symphony which will be performed in London in May next. The title of the symphony will be "The Year 1905," which year is full of sad memories for the Poles, being the date of the last Polish insurrection.

MARRIED 50 YEARS.

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brown, two very well known residents, have celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

CHIEF CASEY, CAMBRIDGE, RETIRES AFTER 51 YEARS

THOMAS J. CASEY.

FOUGHT FIRES FOR 51 YEARS.

Veteran Chief of Cambridge Department Has Been Retired on His Own Request.

Has Attended 10,000 Fires During His Half Century of Active Fire Fighting Service.

After fifty-one years of continuous experience as a fireman, during which he attended about 10,000 fires and passed through many thrilling experiences, Fire Chief Thomas J. Casey of Cambridge, at his own request, has been retired. He will draw a pension of $1,000 a year.

Assistant Chief Nathaniel W. Bunker has been advanced to the position relinquished by Chief Casey.

Chief Casey has been through some thrilling fire scenes and has vivid recollections of narrow escapes from sudden and horrible deaths. But he was born under a lucky star, and has escaped on more than one occasion by little short of a miracle.

"How can I tell about the first fire I ever went to," he said to a BOSTON AMERICAN reporter almost contemptuously when discussing his more than a half century as a fire fighter. "I cannot remember when I did not run when the alarm sounded. As a little shaver I used to chase the engines, and as soon as I was big enough to amount to anything I gave a hand on the old tubs. I have had my ears stuffed more than once for going to a fire too far away from home.

Praises Old Hand Tubs.

"Those old hand tubs would make a poor showing in a city fire to-day, but they were a whole lot better than buckets, or than nothing at all. I began as a volunteer on the old Niagara No. 3. The first big fire I ever saw was when I was with that old hand-tub.

"It was in 1853, and nearly the whole of Cambridgeport burned then. I guess that was my initiation to the real business.

"In all I have probably averaged a little better than 200 fires a year—well, call it about 10,000 fires I have been to. I like it still, but I think that after fifty-one years it is time I took a rest. That is the reason I sent in my resignation.

"Sometime in September, 1869, there was a big fire in the furniture district about 40th street. The loss was a quarter of a million, and that was the largest fire Cambridge had ever had at that time. But the biggest Cambridge fire, I think, I ever attended was after I was chief. It was when the American Rubber Works burned down, on November 28, 1895. The loss was only $275,000, but it was a most dangerous fire. We had to call on Boston for assistance that time.

Attended Big Boston Fire.

"But Boston had called on us before then. The big Boston fire called practically all our department out. I was assistant engineer at the time and I remember that we were called out September 10 and stayed at work all night long.

"No, I was never seriously injured in a fire in my life. The nearest I came to it, that is, coming out with injuries, was sprain the my ankle while on a run to a fire. But several times I've thought that I'd had hard come. Once a chimney fell and missed me by about two inches. The force of the chimney striking the ground knocked me down and I still remember the peculiar idea that came to me then of what my finish would have been if it had hit me. An other time a floor gave way and dropped me into a fire below. I don't know how it happened, but it was not hurt in the least. The sensation was much like that felt by a man who breaks through the ice."

Mr. Casey is the oldest fire chief in this part of New England, with the exception of Chief Hopkins, of Somerville. Chief Hopkins has held the office two years longer than Mr. Casey. Both men started their careers on old Niagara No. 3 on the same night.

FIND $250 CHECK IN "MITE BARREL"

WORCESTER, Dec. 21.—In one of the miniature "mite barrels" opened by the members of the Plymouth Church, the society of the Plymouth Church, of this city, a check for $250 was found. The name of the generous donor, it was decided, would not be made public. Four hundred dollars in all was found in the barrels.

Protect your family. Make sure that money will be forthcoming for your funeral, if anything should happen to you. Life insurance to the amount of $10,000 will be given free to every reader of next Sunday's BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN. Don't fail to get a copy. Price, 5 cents, everywhere.

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George A. Giles will be the candidate of the non-partisans Common Council of Cambridge for President of the Cambridge Common Council. Giles is serving his first term as Councilman.

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PEARY TO MAKE 5TH DASH FOR THE POLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Commander Robert E. Peary announces that he will start on July 1 next on his fifth attempt to reach the North Pole. He will carry with him the wireless telegraph outfit, with which he hopes to keep in communication with New York until he reaches the Pole.

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GIRL AFLAME, FATHER ROLLS HER IN SNOW

Gloucester Man's Timely Return Saves Daughter From Death By Fire.

BURNED, BUT WILL LIVE

Special to the Boston American.

GLOUCESTER, Dec. 21.—The timely return to his home of Lamie Johnson, of No. 2 Tolman street, resulted in his saving his daughter Myra, twenty-one years old, from horrible death by fire. Miss Johnson had gone to the cellar with a parlor lamp, and it exploded when she lighted it. The burning oil flew all over her clothing.

The girl ran screaming into the yard. Her father, who was at the gate, threw her into the snow and rolled her about until the fire was out. Then he had her taken to the Gilbert hospital for treatment. The surgeons say that she will recover.

2,000 IDLE; LOW WATER

Special to the Boston American.

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 21.—Two thousand men and women are thrown out of work by the shutting down of the cotton mills of the Nashua Manufacturing Company, owing to the shortage of water in the Nashua River. The mills have 27,000 spindles and 800 looms.

A. O. H. OPPOSES ENGLISH TREATY

A resolution of protest against the proposed arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain has been issued by the Executive Board of Division Ancient Order of Hibernians, and a copy will be sent to every Massachusetts Senator and Congressman.

HARKINS HELPS IN CELEBRATION

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 21.—The silver anniversary of the ordination of Father Thomas F. Clarke of St. Teresa's Church, on Manton avenue, Mt. Pleasant, has been celebrated by a large congregation. Bishop Harkins assisted in the mass. There was a banquet and a reception at the parochial residence.

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WOMEN TRAVELLING ALONE should go direct to the Franklin Square House, 11 East Newton st., Boston. Ladies' entrance. Rooms by locality; rates, 75c. $1 and $1.25 per day; reduced by the philanthropic association known as the Franklin Sq. House.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE—DIVORCES AT 47 COURT ST.

Troubles of any kind, free advice; successful; can be seen at any time. Office of LEWIS, CHASE & ALLEN, Room 11, 47 Court st.

IF YOU ARE IN TROUBLE consult us on law and domestic relations. Advice free. 43 Tremont st., room 514.

DOGS, CATS, ETC.

INFORMATION wanted of a Boston terrier black, bad or stolen in Chelsea in March, 1901; had white spot on breast and white tip on end of screw tail; one had a red collar on; answers to name Bobby; will reward any information. H. A. Boston Ameri'can.

LOST AND FOUND.

$25 REWARD—Lost, Dec. 20, while shopping in Boston or on way to Newton Centre, a ladies' fancy hunting case gold watch, having monogram L. M. F. inscribed inside, with diamond in back. Address John Hancock bldg., 178 Devonshire st., Boston.

BOARD AND ROOMS.

122 BLOSSOM ST.—4 and 5 large rooms, $3.50 and $4 per week; may be seen at any time. Apply here 9 to 10 a. m.

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MRS. AUGUSTUS EMERY.

Advice For Young Girls.

THE beautiful young girls who are coming out this year are prettier and healthier looking than ever before. The fact is our American girls are giving more attention to their physical well being, to calisthenics and physical culture, to out-of-door sports than ever before. The ideal picture of American womanhood of to-day is one of rosy cheeks, sparkling eyes, erect poise, firm and certain step. The well nourished cheek, the deep full inspirations, the plump, well-rounded arms, all command our admiration. Can anything be more satisfactory to the eye than this picture of honest health, subtle intelligence and womanly beauty? It is a pity that at the receptions and dances which our young girls attend that the air is not better, more pure, instead of being overheated and the same foul air being breathed over and over. If it was not for this one drawback the exercise of dancing would be a great physical help to the young woman and girl, and would tend to the rapid blossoming into womanhood, on that peculiar border line between maidenhood and womanhood, which should have every care and thought. Parents are often to blame for their daughter's health by allowing them to overwork at school, allowing them to go out too much, attending parties and other places of amusement and the indulgence of other habits which tend to excite the nervous system. There should be a good understanding both on the parents' part and that of the young girl, and we can heartily recommend a book called the "Common Sense Medical Adviser" edited and published by Dr. R. V. Pierce, at Buffalo, N. Y., which can be obtained by sending 31 one-cent stamps for the cloth-bound, or 21 one-cent stamps for a copy of the paper edition, which will be sent by mail.

The sensitive, highly strung organization of our women is very susceptible to overwork and lack of care, and the most critical period of a woman's life is the change from girlhood to full physical development. "The natural destination of the woman over thirty," says Mr. William Blackie, "seems to be the sofa, the shawl and the neuralgia." And why? Because usually the girl is brought up in such a way that her brain is developed at the expense of her red blood corpuscles, leaving you womanhood a mere bundle of nerves and physical degeneration. As a tonic and reconstructive during the critical period of change, there is nothing that has been found equal to Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. A girl has as good a claim to strength and health as a boy, and generally needs them more. The vital organism of the young girl requires fresh air and sunshine, just as much as the beautiful American beauty rose. If the young woman is run down and weak, it is not possible for her to take vigorous athletic exercises, but she should then consult with some prominent specialist, and if she does not like to confide in some one at home, it would be well for her to consult, by letter, with some physician of world-wide reputation, such as Dr. R. V. Pierce, the specialist in woman's diseases, at Buffalo, N. Y., who will carefully scrutinize your symptoms and give you the best medical advice free of charge and in perfect confidence. Dr. Pierce was early a student of plant life as well as the human system and he found that certain herbs, roots and barks made into a tonic without the use of alcohol or narcotics would cure the diseases peculiar to women, this he called Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

"I enjoyed good health until about two years ago when I noticed my back began to ache frequently; it became sore and lame, and headache soon added to my misery; also found that my general health diminished. I became weak and thin, and nervous, having severe pains at monthly period," writes Mrs. Augustus Emery, Treasurer New Century Club, 34 Dean Street (Roxbury), Boston, Mass. "My work which before had seemed an easy task soon seemed like a heavy burden. Having no faith in doctors I decided to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription; which several of my friends praised highly. I felt relief within a week, my appetite came back; the pains gradually decreased and I enjoyed sound sleep. Within fourteen weeks I had completely recovered. I seemed built up anew, my pulse, which had been weak became normal, and new life animated my entire being."

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BOSTON MAN SHINES AS WIT IN NEW YORK

Patrick F. Murphy the Humorous Speaker at Bankers' Banquet.

LAWSON ONE OF SUBJECTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—There was fun in plenty at the annual dinner of Group Eight of the New York State Bankers' Association, at the Waldorf-Astoria, every allusion to the speeches to Thomas W. Lawson of Boston and Mrs. Cassie Chadwick of Cleveland being greeted with outbursts of laughter.

The toastmaster was Gates W. McGarrah, president of the association.

The chief contributor to the fund of humor was Patrick F. Murphy, president of the Mark Cross Company of Boston and New York. Mr. Murphy is in the front rank of American humorists, and in his toast, "The Pleasures of Toil and Toil of Pleasures," he found an excellent vehicle for his wit.

Mr. Murphy said in part:

"Mr. President, and gentlemen of the New York State Bankers' Association:

"Last year at this season we were suffering from financial indigestion. There was a killing frost that nipped all budding enterprises, and blackened even the most giltedged securities. As you live in what might be called a calculating atmosphere, you are to be congratulated on the change.

"It has now become the fashion for men of great wealth to acknowledge the existence of a Superior Being. They still issue articles entitled 'How to Succeed in Life,' 'The Blessings of Poverty and a Good Appetite,' and, out on the old established formula, that the best way to increase our income is by limiting our desires.

Advantages of a Higher Life.

"Bible class superintendents, together with Santos-Dumont, are showing us 'The Advantages of a Higher Life.'

"We have weekly reports from Wall Street, special advices, pamphlets entitled, 'Wisdom While You Wait,' giving full information of how fortunes are made; they are issued by philanthropists, and sent unsolicited to total strangers. But every sensible man not in the rainbow business knows that no financial genius is the man who know do not tell, and the men who tell do not know; and that very often a stock broker is a man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.

"The old philosopher told men that through excess they were to practice moderation, and so, after the fashion of human nature, caution in speculation is dispensed with.

"Trust is placed in the tips of well-disposed friends, who have a lot of hot stock to edge, and the result is an illustration of the truth in the old proverb, 'There is no difference between a bad cook and a poisoner, except the intention.'

"Often come sermons with the text, 'The earth hath bubbles like the water hath,' and these are some of them. Then come criticisms on Wall Street, with its sick hurry, and its frantic arithmetic, that it is not the straight road to success, but a narrow, crooked street, with the river at one end, and a graveyard at the other. It has been discovered, however, that in that locality may be found virtuous widows and good men.

"Equity, candor and truth, it is said, are there still venerated. But in this life evil always rises in evidence, and the good remains behind, just as the folly of one woman creates more noise than the discretion of a thousand; the others, whose duties are included in the interior of private life, their virtues are not noticed.

"The lobby recently obtained so much money on a parcel of 'undigested securities' is one of a class of many who have a habit of thinking that what they want is what the Lord intended them to have. A few financiers have learned to their sorrow that facts of figures are not as stubborn as the fancies of a woman, and they now believe that 'artificial person' called the Devil should have been of the feminine gender.

"The public finds that the least common thing is common sense, and that while other rules vary this one is found without exception, that the most difficult thing in life is to make a living dishonestly for any length of time.

"The lore of being dazzled, whether by a silver tongue or a gilt card case, will always be strong in human nature. Readers of Andrews' Travels will recall the student who had been engaged eight years upon a project of extracting sunbeams out of cucumbers, and a rapid review of our times will bring to mind many Knights of the Golden Fleece—the unerring gentleman in Maine who extracted gold from salt water, and the talented man in San Francisco who had a magnificent scheme for inoculating whales with wool.

Turns Attention to Copper.

"And now we have the Good Samaritan from Boston, with a pot of warm blood on the wrongs of copper, and to many minds is recalled that famous phrase in literature—'Satan denouncing Sin.' In his benevolent way he showed the public that the wealth they had in copper was only an illusion, and the public, whose stocks have depreciated, feel they have as much reason to complain as the madman who thought he possessed the wealth of the Indies, and when his physician dispelled his illusion, and literally physicked him into poverty, he longed for the madness again, for he was deprived of the satisfaction he formerly enjoyed from a pleasing error of the mind.

"To be the enemy of this gentleman is not a placid position, but it appears to be much safer than to be his friend. Thieves attempt to apply the knife, without spilling blood, and was beyond the ingenuity of Shylock. He is brilliant and versatile, and it requires equal skill to pierce through the magic colors with which his genius has shrouded the truth. But it has been proven that in business life, in the useful parts of any profession, moderate abilities, even if balanced with a little dulness, are more serviceable to the possessor than brilliant qualities.

"Life has been compared to a race, and the metaphor is improved by observing that the world runs generally as it should—aside. A cripple on the right road will beat a racer on the wrong one, and the duller and better the racer who has missed his way, the farther he leaves it behind.

The American Must Be Busy.

"Among the faults attributed to America by other nations is that we are too swift and too busy to be happy; but speed is not exhausting, if properly managed, and if we take our pleasures sadly we at least perform our duties gaily. In walking the streets, some of the merriest countenances are seen in carriages going to funerals.

"The American must be busy. Our country is so new, so many sources to be developed, so much money to be made, that a man doing nothing is overwhelmed with the weight of his own leisure.

"In making up the book of his life every man must acknowledge that though he has had many troubles most of them never happened, and of these evils the imaginary, absence of occupation gives him leisure to think them up.

"And so the American will keep working to the last, accumulate riches, but because living, or not for the pleasure it will give. It is one of the curiosities of the human race that the strife pleases us more than the victory, and the delights of business, the charm in wealth, is not in the thing itself but in the search, the chase and the game.

"Every man of self respect feels it is his first duty to make himself financially independent; so the desire for wealth is universal. The words, 'Who wants to be rich,' might be written under everyone's looking glass.

Forever Lures Us on.

"Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, unable to provide a definition of beauty, was clever enough to conceal the ability he lacked. The question, 'What is beauty,' said he, 'is one that may be left to the blind,' and it seems equally difficult to define the words 'rich' and 'poor.' For some with good income are poor in the estimation of the rich, and rich in the estimation of the poor. That quantity called 'enough' never yet fell to the lot of mortals, for it proves a little more than what a man really has; and that fugitive figure 'enough' forever lures us on, and, like nothing, it always flies before us.

"Providence ordains that there is no permanency in riches. The supremacy of commerce has passed from nation to nation. The naturalists tell us the law of change is the only law that never changes, that in nature there is no such thing as Death. All is change and revolution; not only the particle of dust has once been alive; the spade and plough disturb our ancestors.

"Everything to redourish must first fade. Summer comes, with her soft green hills, pastoral valleys and soothing indolence, then fades into Autumn. Winter enters with frosts and storms, blowing Autumn and the golden fruits away, then melts into Spring. Spring, with her warm breath from the chambers of the South, recalls again the Summer, and the revolution is complete.

Again Come Back to Poverty.

"Human life follows the example. Poverty breeds Wealth, and Wealth breeds Poverty. The wheel sinks, simply to reascend. The ranks of wealth are unceasingly recruited from those of the poor.

"Poverty produces vigilance and economy, vigilance and economy bring honor and riches, honor and riches are apt to cause pride and luxury, pride and luxury easily glide into idleness and extravagance, and idleness and extravagance again come back to poverty and the revolution is complete.

"What we get from England in commerce they get back from us in marriage; we make heiresses here, they make princesses of them; then comes the stream flows from its channel and loses itself among the valleys, unless confined by banks, so the current of fortune now flowing so strongly in this country, will soon be deflected toward the English channel unless, on the lines of the inheritance tax, a prohibitive tariff be placed on all marriages with impecunious foreign nobleman.

"Wealth can be used for good or evil, depending on the temper of the possessor. Poverty will always be with us. Heaven allows such inequalities to exist, and man submits to them upon a general plan, that those who have more than enough should take care of those who want.

"With pride it can be truly said that in America, and especially in this great Empire State of New York, there are many who glory in being the protectors of the poor, who do not harden their hearts against the dictates of humanity, who have learned the luxury of doing good without display, and this is the best of all riches, for it is replete with the very essence of benevolence and a disregard of self."

PLATINUM IN VERMONT.

RUTLAND, Vt., Dec. 21.—Valuable deposits of platinum are said to have been found at Plymouth. It runs about an ounce to the ton.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

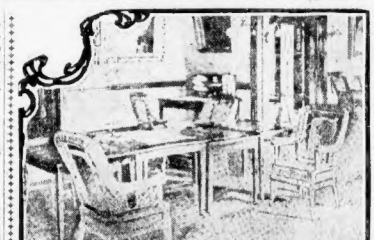
CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

United Cigar Stores
Retail System
means
Absolute Protection
against Substitution

Always Remember the Full Name
Laxative Bromo Quinine
Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days
E. W. Grove on every box. 25c

FIRE RUINS METROPOLITAN CLUB, WASHINGTON, TO-DAY

The picture at the top shows the parlor of the Metropolitan Club destroyed by fire. At the bottom is shown Admiral Dewey's chess table.



Interior of Most Exclusive Institution in the Capital Destroyed.

Members Who Were Sleeping in Building Rescued With Difficulty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Metropolitan Club, the most exclusive social institution in the capital, and comprising among its members high distinguished officials of the government, the members of the diplomatic corps, and many of the wealthy old-time citizens of Washington, was gutted by fire early today.

Fire alarms were sounded, calling out all the fire companies within the city boundaries. The flames raged for two hours, ruining the interior of the club house and leaving only the walls standing. Several of the members of the club who live in the house were in bed when the fire broke out, at five o'clock, and were rescued with difficulty.

The club is located at Seventeenth and H streets, two blocks from the White House.

ARBITRATION NOW UP TO THE MILL OWNERS

Council's Proposition Sent to the Manufacturers' Association.

NO PLAN WITH GOVERNOR

Special to the Boston American.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 21.—Clarence M. Hathaway, secretary of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association, has received the communication from the Textile Council in which the latter proposes to submit the whole subject of the Fall River strike to arbitration by the Civic Federation.

It is believed that a meeting of the manufacturers will at once be called and some reply made to the proposition.

President J. H. Brayton, of the Manufacturers' Association, when asked what probable action would be taken by his association, said:

"When we receive the communication a meeting will be called, I suppose, and the matter considered."

No Break in Strikers' Ranks.

A statement circulated in certain quarters to the effect that the strike is broken is wholly unfounded and entirely without foundation by labor leaders and striking operatives. They declare that the strikers are as firm to-day as they were when they were twenty-one weeks ago. In discussing his phase of the situation President James H. Tighe of the Textile Council said:

"The Fall River strikers is in as full operation to-day as it was at any time in the last twenty-one weeks and it will continue until a satisfactory agreement is reached."

Secretary Thomas Taylor, of the Textile Council and of the loomfixers, said:

"We have 125 members in our highly skilled organization, and only two of these are at work in the strike mills."

Secretary James Whitehead, of the weavers, said:

"Our weavers were never more firm. The manufacturers may admit their inability to coerce or hire my people."

Secretary Thomas Donnell, of the mule spinners, said:

"The mills have made losses instead of gains this week. There is no ground for such reports. We shall give $1,500 in relief checks this week to as many unemployed operatives."

Secretary J. G. Jackson, of the slashers, said:

"The members of my union are a unit and their determination is always the same. They will fight it to a finish and the finish is not in sight. There is no compromise. A settlement is reached."

The Textile Council has voted to solicit the Salvation Army and other relief institutions as previously.

LABOR NEWS

ALLIED PRINTING TRADES UNION LABEL COUNCIL BOSTON, MASS. 96

Barbers Union No. 182 has unanimously re-elected Christopher Mallen president. This is the first time in the history of the organization that there was no opposition for president, and is a tribute to Mr. Mallen's good administration.

Other officers elected are: Vice president, Con Toomey; financial secretary, Charles E. O'Donnell; recording secretary, A. B. Perkins; treasurer, Frank Emerald; guide, Douglass Turcotte; guardian, John Trainor; trustees, John H. O'Brien, A. M. Leman and H. McHale; financial committee, P. Suffell, Jacob Rheinstaller and Al de Stanislo.

The meeting, which was one of the largest ever held, voted to close all shops next Monday.

Appleton Hall was crowded at the smoker tally of Electrical Workers' Union No. 103. Addresses were made by prominent local Labor officials, including organizer Joint A. M. McPherson, secretary Henry Abelling and James Pugh, of Typographical Union No. 13; John F. H. Medlen of Newspaper Writers' Union No. 1, Commissioner Thomas F. Murphy, Business Agent John McManus, Vice President Thomas H. Bannon and William H. Reid of Local No. 103. Michael J. Hennessey presided.

The election of officers will take place next Thursday night.

UNION LABOR NOTES.

Jos. A. Cleary was the unanimous choice of Bricklayers' Union, No. 3, for president, when the election was held last night. Other officers were also elected at the meeting of similar rank.

Bricklayers' Union No. 3 expects all their new meeting place, No. 516 Tremont street, will be completed by Jan. 1. The new quarters will also offer accommodations for the Lodge of Carpenters and Joiners.

Boston Typographical Union No. 13 has arranged a special car to leave Tremont street for Mount Auburn cemetery at 1 o'clock this afternoon, to convey members to the Typographical Memorial.

MRS. CHADWICK ASKS $20,000 NOT TO TESTIFY FOR SON'S CARE

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick did not testify in the bankruptcy proceedings against her, although in court most of the day. She was excused from testifying because of illness.

Should Mrs. Chadwick again be brought into court it is unlikely that she will give any court testimony. It is said that she will be "coached" by counsel and shortly will refuse to even to allow her to be sworn as a witness.

The Savings and Deposit Bank of Elyria, which holds a chattel mortgage on Mrs. Chadwick's household effects, has turned over to Receiver Lesser the control of all its claims.

PITTSFIELD, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Rose Yerkes, who was for a time housekeeper for Jesse F. Wright, a prosperous farmer living near this city, is seeking $20,000 for the death of Wright, who passed away. Henry H. Nash, administrator of the estate of Mr. Wright, has $20,000.

The plaintiff had made an alleged agreement with the deceased to the effect that if she cared for his son, James A. Wright, about the seventeenth year of his age, when he was 21 he would give her $20,000. Before the death of Jesse F. Wright, Mrs. Yerkes declares she has been prevented from carrying out the agreement.

LIFE INSURANCE FREE TO YOU!

Life insurance to the amount of $100.00 will be given free to every reader of next Sunday's BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN. This is of interest to you, your family and all your friends. Do not fail to get next Sunday's paper, and in order to make sure of not being disappointed, just tell your newsdealer today to be sure and save you a copy.

$100.00 Life Insurance Free to every reader of next Sunday's BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN.

DEMOCRATS ELECT MAYOR

NORTH ADAMS, Dec. 21.—Mayor Frank D. Sidford, the Republican candidate for third term, was defeated by a margin of only thirty votes. The Republicans, however, elected five of the seven candidates for the Common Council.

The city voted for license, by about the same majority. The Lace Joint caucus act was repealed by an overwhelming vote. The city adopted the firemen's pension act.

Shawmut Furniture Co.

267 and 269 Tremont St., Opposite Hollis St.

Yellow Tag Sale, as a special inducement to our patrons to purchase their Christmas presents from us. We have gone through the various departments in our stock and selected articles of furniture suitable for the season, which we have selected will bear a large Yellow Tag with the price marked in plain figures. These prices will be from 25 to 50 per cent below the regular selling price. No goods will be sent C. O. D. Mail and express orders will not be filled unless accompanied with money, P. O. order or check.

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

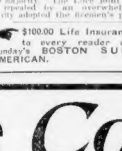
GOODS SOLD FOR CASH OR BY OUR SPECIAL PAYMENT SYSTEM

ODD PARLOR CHAIRS
Like illustration. Golden oak or mahogany finished. Regular price $6.00, for this sale..... 3.75

CHILDREN'S ROCKERS
Wood seat, cane seat, upholstered seat, rattan and reed, in large and choice selection of styles, ranging from
98c to 5.00

Goods Delivered in Unmarked Wagons

CHILDREN'S MORRIS CHAIRS
Strong oak frames, with movable arms; cushions; Barka or upholstered seats; golden finish.
1.98, 2.50, 2.75 and 3.00

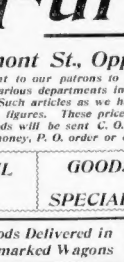


LADIES' ROCKER
In any mahogany finish oak or mahogany finished, hand carved back and seat; upholstered in silk tapestry; $5.00, price for this sale..... 3.75

ROCKERS
It is a well-known fact that we carry the largest line of fancy Rockers in the city, and any reduction in price would indeed be a bargain. The illustration shown above is one of which we have sold cartloads, and it was considered by everyone a bargain at $6.85. We have 50 left to complete our stock, and offer, for this sale..... 4.95

CHINA CLOSETS
Like illustration, made of quarter-sawed oak, with hand-rubbed finish, standing 6 feet 6 inches high, with French plate mirror in doors, with shelves at sides and drawers; carved back, with fancy plate mirror. Regular price $24.00. Price for this sale only
15.00

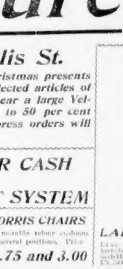
COMBINATION BOOKCASE
Like illustration, stands 6 feet high, 37 in. wide, golden finish, with 3 adjustable bookshelves, top shelf has plate mirror back. Regular price $20.00. Price for this sale only
13.00



TOILET TABLES
Can you think of anything more appropriate for a Christmas gift than a Toilet Table? Every lady in this line will be satisfied. It is less than the regular prices. The one represented stands 5 feet high, with 3 drawers, regular $7.50 value, will be sold this week only
6.75
25 other styles at the same reduction.

T. H. TIGHE and M. L. DRAKE
For many years salesmen with the Atkinson Furniture Co., wish to announce that they are now connected with us and will be pleased to meet and serve their old friends and customers.

BOOK CASES
Like illustration, made of quarter-sawed oak, golden finished, stands 6 feet 3 inches high, 3 shelves and carved back with bevel plate mirror. Regular price $15.00, this week only
4.75



MORRIS CHAIRS
Solid oak, Weathered oak, Mahogany and Mission finish, with loose cushions, full spring edge, reversible cushions, roomy reading chair. For example, the one shown above, solid oak, weathered finish, with cushions, for this sale only
3.75

For any all new goods, no leftovers in the lot, as we make it a point never to carry anything over. Elaborate sets for $85.75, $91.50 and some for $125.00 and $200.00.

25 Per Cent Discount on Parlor Desks and Music Cabinets

Jardinieres, Pedestals, Toilet Sets, Pictures, Mirrors, Hall Racks and Hall Settees at greatly reduced prices.

DINING TABLE
Like illustration, made of kiln-dried, quarter-sawed oak, top extra thick, square pedestal with hand-carved claw feet handsomely polished. Can be extended to 6 or 8 feet as desired. The regular price of the table is $22.00. Price for this sale only..... 15.00

Box Seated, Plain and Cane Seated Dining Chairs, at same reduction in price for this week.

Misfit Carpets and Rugs

Our designs and colorings are all new, and an examination of them will convince you that we have arranged high art in Carpets and Rugs, and that our prices are astonishingly low, when quality and style are considered.

WILTON VELVET CARPETS
Oriental patterns in rich scrolls and designs. These remnants are manufactured by E. Sanford & Sons, and are noted for their long wearing qualities. Regular price $1.50 per yard. We offer you any pattern at this sale at $1.00 per yard..... 1.00

MISFIT CARPETS
All Styles All Grades All Prices
All Sizes

TAPESTRY CARPETS

Size	Price each
13-0x15	22.00
13-6x15	22.50
14-6x15	27.50
14-3x18	27.00
14-6x18	27.50
15-0x18	28.00
15-0x19	33.00
15-0x20	35.00
15-0x21	37.50
15-0x18-10	40.00

RUGS
Our line contains the cream of the leading mills of this country. We offer you some patterns and sizes different color effects, more grades and better qualities than any other house in New York. We invite your careful inspection of our line, and are sure you will be well pleased in executing your orders.

	Price each
9x12 Royal Axminster Rugs.....	19.50
9x12 Egyptian Oriental Rugs, seamless.....	22.50
9x12 Egyptian Oriental Rugs, seamless.....	20.00
9x12 Stair Rugs, all wool, double-faced Brussels weave.....	20.00
9x10 Stair Rugs, all wool, double-faced Brussels weave.....	17.50
9x12 Kashmere Rugs, double-faced Brussels weave.....	10.98
9x12 Kashmere Rugs, double-faced Brussels weave.....	9.98
9x9 Kashmere Rugs, double-faced Brussels weave.....	5.98

WILTON VELVET CARPETS

Size	Price each
11-3x15-6	47.50
12-0x15-0	45.00
12-0x15-0	35.00
12-3x12-6	35.00
12-3x15-0	47.50

ALL WOOL CARPETS

Size	Price each
13-6x14	13.00
10-6x13	7.50
9-0x12	6.00
12x15	16.00
9x14-6	7.98

These Carpets are all made up ready to lay on the floor. Bring the size of your room with you.

Sideboards and Buffets

In this line we shall make only a 25 per cent. reduction, as the prices on our sideboards has always been very low. The one represented in this illustration we consider an exceptional bargain at $25. It is made of quarter-sawed oak, golden finished, large bevel plate mirror, curved top, 3 circular drawers in base and 2 cupboards. Price for this sale only.

18.75

30 patterns to select from.

Couch Covers, Lace Draperies and Portieres

BOWLING BUSY DAYS IN LOCAL ALLEYS BASEBALL NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE PLAYERS BOXING SPIKE SULLIVAN WINS BOUT ATHLETICS

SKETCHES MADE AT BATTLING NELSON'S QUARTERS NEAR FRISCO BY TAD FOR THE BOSTON AMERICAN

"SMILING" METZGER AND TEDDY MURPHY THE SHINING LIGHTS OF LARKSPUR
"BATTLING" TEARING INTO THE BIG MATTRESS FOR INFIGHTING PRACTICE
PIPE THE ROCK ON MURPH
"BEN" VANHUDE KELLY FOR HIS.
NELSON FIGHTS KELLY AS THOUGH HE HAD HIS REF DEPENDING ON IT.
NELSON HOOKING SANTRY WHO ASSUMES A BRITT CROUCH IN HIS BOXING.
YEOW
SAID MARVIN HART
LARKSPUR CALIFORNIA

TOMMY DALY IS LOOKING FOR A BOUT

Tommy Daly, of Baltimore, sends to the BOSTON AMERICAN a challenge to the winner of the Jig Stone-Jimmy Briggs match that is scheduled at Chelsea Friday night. He has already boxed two draws with each of the boys, and is confident that he can beat either one of them. Daly made good when he was here last Winter, and in all his fights demonstrated that he is one of the best boys in his class.

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Matty Baldwin, who has been sending many of the local boxers down the defeat farther, is anxious to go after the feather weight championship of New England and wants Chester Goodwin to meet him at 126 pounds for a distance of fifteen or twenty rounds, which would satisfactorily settle the title. Baldwin is going at his best just now. He will take on Kid Pantry or Young Donahue if Goodwin sidesteps him, or any other boy in New England at 118 or 120 pounds.

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Some of the wrestling bunch are getting uneasy and want to show in their specialty. Manager Billie Cox of Young Gilbert says that his boy is looking for the champion ship at his weight. He says: "I have under my management Joe Gilbert and Ed Gardner, champion of United States and Canada and would like to match them against any man in the country at the weight and for a side bet from $50 to $250, style catch-as-catch-can."

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Johnny Fitzgerald, of South Boston, is out with a challenge to meet any of the 126 or 128 pound boys and bars nobody in the country at his weight.

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John L. Sullivan, of Bellows Falls, Vt., is around town looking for business with any of the 140 pound boys who think that they can give him sufficient battle. Sully is a strong regular boy and his records in the game fight, he has participated in by the hoofity spook for themselves. He would like to meet Stay Ashley or Peter Sullivan of Fall River.

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Kid Abe Goodman has returned from the West and he tells all his friends that he has filled looks bigger and is better fighting trim than at any time in his career. His recent victories in Chicago and Minneapolis have given him a line on what he considers is making a bigger bid than any of the Eastern boys. The diamond from Salt City often has been with Tommy Monahan, who defended his title against Joe Gans, Chicago A. C. and made tracks for Boston. He will remain here for a month or six and then will go West again where he has several matches on.

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Manager Jacobs of the Ashley boys of Fall River writes the AMERICAN that Guy is negotiating for his match with Kid Blink McCloskey on Christmas day at Gloucester.

George is practically matched with Jack Hamilton of Providence for the 118 pound A. A. the first part of next month, and negotiations are under way for a bout with Jimmy Briggs in the near future.

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Jack Wood writes from Worcester that he is getting willing with the local boy Billings or Kid McLeod to arrange a match at any club, and will be on hand when notified.

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Jim Callahan, a promising 122 pounder from Providence, is looking for the affiliation of George Hazard, the other popular Boston competitor. He is looking for matches with Jimmy O'Brien, Young Donahue or Ben Dockery.

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Joe Nelson, of Chelsea, is very quiet on deck, and is hustling around for matches with the Eastern boys. Joe says that he is looking to go to the ring, and nothing would suit him better than to mix mauleys crack at Fred Bryson of Waltham.

"Gray Eyes," the words and music of a new song—a 50-cent sheet of music—free with every copy of next Sunday's BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN.

CONCORD CLUB HAS SOLD OUT

Special to the Boston American.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 21.—The Concord Baseball Association, of the New England League, has sold its franchise to the Concord Electric Railway, which controls the Boston & Maine railroad. Superintendent William F. Kelly will have been elected president, will attend the meeting of the league in Boston next week.

LOST GAME BY FORFEIT.

The Lowell A. A. team was crestfallen with the first game in the New England Ice Hockey Association, owing to the failure of the Hunting A. A. to play as scheduled. Hartford, Association contested against a picked seven and won, 6 to 1.

SULLIVAN WAS GIVEN AWARD OVER KENNEDY

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 21.—Because Dave Kennedy refused to box any longer than eleven rounds, he lost the decision to Spike Sullivan, of Boston. The battle was originally intended to go ten rounds, but at the end of that period, Kennedy, who really had the better of it, was prevailed upon to continue for another round.

At the end of that time, Kennedy still felt like going, but Referee Jack Hamilton would not allow another round. The management of the Arena had said that the bout was carded for twenty rounds, but Kennedy could not foresee whether that statement stood, so he let the decision go to his opponent. Referee Hamilton awarded the bout to Sullivan, the Parker Brothers put up an awful bout.

VAN DYKE WON IN THE HUB'S CUE TOURNEY

Championship billiards in class A for the New England title continues to hold sway at the Hub billiard parlors, and the eleventh game in the tournament was played between Van Dyke and Amsden.

Van Dyke won out in a close match by fourteen points, and the result shows how evenly the men played. The winner's high run proved too insurmountable for Amsden, whose careful playing was of no avail.

According to the standing, Paige and Thresher lead with a clean slate, but the former's performance of seventy for a single run stands as a record for the class.

Tonight Chandler Threshie will meet Edwards.

Standing in Class A.

	Games	Games	Runs	Av.
	Played.	Won.	Runs.	
Paige	11	11	1,012	92.18
Thresher	11	11	1,000	90.90
Parker	11	9	1,000	90.90
Van Dyke	11	7	1,000	90.90
Amsden	11	2	1,000	90.90

$100.00 Life Insurance Free to every reader of next Sunday's BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN.

B. A. A. BOWLERS MUST PRACTICE

BY TEN STRIKE.

MATCHES TO-NIGHT.

Arcade—Boston Pin League—Highland A. Lowell Colonial at Medford.

Mystic Valley League—Arlington Boat at Belmont Central at 9000 A. A.

Boston League—Albion 6th at Nonin Hall; South End at Bicknell; Roosevelt at Mozart.

Massachusetts Interstate League—Hinden at Lynn.

Trial Company League—Boston Safe vs. American Tool & Machine Co., Berry Street Chambers; South vs. New England; Beacon vs. Federal.

Electric Leagues—Commonwealth vs. Electrical Engineers.

Trade League—Superintendents vs. Collector; Auditor vs. Maintenance.

B. A. A. members who are interested in bowling are watching with a great deal of interest the experiment which the committee in charge at the Exeter street clubhouse is now trying. In years gone by the 6th relay team, which, by the way, has always been among the leaders, has been made up of the men who were chosen to be competitors, regardless of what those same men were in practice. This year the team has been picked differently. If a man rolled nearly in practice, no matter what his reputation be, he was given no chance to roll on the team. In consequence such cracker jacks as Warren Hill and Freddie Grove have been left off this year. They disgusted on the alleys on practice night, and rolling excessively and not believing that their work that night would be counted against them, they fell far below the standard set by the committee. As a result these men not invited to roll on the team. Whether they will break into the league later is a question. Meanwhile B. A. A. once a good leader, now brings up the rear.

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Billy Binns is after a match for his Specials. He says they are the real goods and can trim about anything there "else" in the vicinity of the Hub.

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Harry Canning, one of the crack rolers at Tom McCarthy's alleys, was going very well last night. He says that he will be willing to roll with some league team, for he knows the pins about as well as any man in the city when he is going right.

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George Taylor, the star roller at the Albion alleys, totaled up 1,063 with the small balls at the "Country" alleys, in the following manner:

99 110 94 98 120 98 105 98 135 96. Total, 1,053.

At the end of the first quarter the honors in the American Dockets League, as sent out by the official scorer, are as follows:

Highest single string—Mitchell, South Providence, with 127.

Highest three-string total—Mitchell, South Providence, with 340.

Highest team total—Fall River, with 1,476.

Highest team string total—Providence, with 522.

SMALL TALK FOR BASEBALL FANS

President J. Ed. Grillo, of the American Association says: "When the National League reinstated President Pulliam to vote for the changes in the national agreement, as suggested by the minor leagues, a lot of wind was taken out of the American League sails.

"The National League has gone on record as favoring the one-man draft at the interleague meeting which the American opposed. The effect of this stand by the old league will be far reaching.

"It means that the minors have a friend in the National and an opponent in the American.

"The result will be that the National Association of Minor Leagues, a strong organization, will be very closely allied to the National."

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"Don't worry. We are not gold-bricked by any means." is the comment of Manager Clarke of Pittsburg when told that the impression prevailed that the Philadelphia Club had secured all the best of the trade of Brandell, Krueger and McCormick for Howard. "I guess we got something besides the man. At that, How are is all right. He played in the infield for the Omaha club last season. He is an all around man. He can hit the ball."

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During the session of the National League last week Ugene Klem, a new member of President Pulliam's staff, was introduced to Joe Kelley, and the introduction brought this from a bystander:

"Take a good look at him, Joe. Before you will see lots of him next season. He likes to be real close to the umpire during a game."

"The umpires will have no more trouble with me," Kel declared. "I have made up my mind that the proper thing for me to do is to leave them alone, and I propose to do that. I have had enough of being called on shady, and, furthermore, the National Club officials do not want me to make protests, and if they are satisfied I am sure that I ought to be."

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Fred Foster will either be made manager of the Boston Nationals or will be sold to the highest bidder, is the latest rumor in Boston Exchange.

Right in one direction he decidedly far from the mark, when speaking of Tenney being on the market.

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Somebody exposed Hans Wagner in one of the many arguments that came off during the National League meetings.

Harrison Lindsay, Willie Keeler is the best batter in both leagues, was the feeler that was sent out.

"What's the matter with Wagner?" of course somebody had to ask.

"Wagner? Why, he's not a batter; he's a murderer," was the way the tip worked out. And isn't it the truth?

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Lew McAllister, the Detroit American League player, has been chosen to coach the Michigan University baseball team in 1905. McAllister is a veteran baseball man and is known throughout the country. He will be in Ann Arbor from February 1 to June 1.

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Charles (Kid) Nichols, the baseball pitcher, has been elected president of the Kansas City Rowing Association.

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"Seems to me," says Hughey Duffy of the Phillies, "that the Reds got all the better of the deal of Pitts Joe Phelps. True, Pitts is a great man for a team, but he has been in harness for several years and has seen his best days, while Phelps is only 23 and will see lots of him next season. I don't understand what Clarke was thinking about. I was always under the impression that Phelps was one of the best catchers I had ever seen, and when I heard of the trade being made I was very much surprised."

NORMAN GIBSON STILL A CHAMP

Norman E. Gibson will be a Champ next year and the year after, as he signed a two-year contract, and President John Taylor was glad to get the little fellow into the fold. Gibson should give a good account of himself next season, and should be a first rater for his full term with the champs.

With Gibson in line the team is greatly bolstered, as the youngster did some remarkable work last season, and held his own when the race became the hottest. He is one of the men whom the management can depend upon, and keeps in the best of shape in season and out.

BELMONT COLT WELL ENGAGED

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—It is expected that August Belmont's colt, Mount Vernon, son of Imary of Natarco, and full brother to the high class filly Grave and Gay, will give a good account of himself in England next Summer.

Mount Vernon has never started in a race on account of rather weak ankles. He has engagements in the Two Thousand, Derby and St. Leger, besides other great races. This makes the second two-year-old that Belmont has abroad, the other being Lord Hastings, full brother to Lord of the Vale.

BALTIMORE SLATED FOR THE AMERICAN

Special to the Boston American.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.—The Hanlon-Frank interests, which now own the Baltimore Club, of the Eastern League, have offered $18,000 for the franchise of the Washington Club of the American League.

Ban Johnson wants $75,000 for the club. The Hanlon-Frank combination say they won't give a cent more. However, a compromise may soon be in order, whereby the Washington Club outfit will be shifted to this city.

Local fans would like to see the American League invade this city again. Much interest was taken in the race for the pennant last season, and thousands of fans were wishing it was their bet to see the first class ball games that marked the season in the new league.

Negotiations between the American League and local magnates have been under way for some time. As the glitch in the selling price is the only hindrance to the two factions closing the deal, some settlement may be made this week.

BOWDOIN WILL PLAY HARVARD

Special to the Boston American.

BRUNSWICK, Me., Dec. 21.—Arthur D. Putnam, '05, manager of the Bowdoin baseball nine, has issued the schedule for 1905, which includes games with the Boston College and Harvard teams. It is as follows:

April 19—Boston College, at Brunswick.
April 25—New Hampshire State, at Brunswick.
April 26—Colby, at Brunswick.
April 29—University of Vermont, at Burlington.
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May 6—Bates, at Lewiston.
May 10—Amherst, at Amherst.
May 13—Amherst, at Brunswick.
May 17—Maine State Seminary, at Orono.
May 20—Colby, at Waterville.
May 24—Exonerated Maine, at Orono.
May 27—Bates, at Brunswick.
May 30—Bates, at Lewiston.
June 3—University of Maine, at Bruns wick.
June 7—Harvard, at Cambridge.

RODENBACH TO RETIRE.

Billy Rodenbach, the amateur middle and heavyweight champion of America, has announced his retirement from the ring on account of a badly injured right elbow, which has become so painful and helpless that he can't raise it above his head.

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BOTH TEAMS WON BY DEAL

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—Expert opinion on the subject of the Pitts Phelps deal ought to show those fans who view the transaction with some show of misgiving as to whether the local management erred or not in making the swap. Mike Kahoe, who knows the ins and outs of Pitts almost as well as he is acquainted with his own work, is of the belief that both teams were strengthened when the transfer was made.

"Pitts is such a thing as a player being in a city too long," said Kahoe. "That is the case with Phelps. He has been here for so long that he will be entirely different man like a new one when he reports in a new variety of grass to feed on. No catcher ever stood the gaff that Phelps stood for with pitchers as Peitz, and with the enthusiasm that will come with a change he will be a most valuable for the Pirates.

"Why, if he can play as a regular game all season he would still earn his salary with that team merely by his effect upon young twirlers and his coaching. I have seen much of Phelps's work, but in the few games that I did see him catch he impressed me as being a first-class backstop, like Peitz, will show up to better advantage amid new surroundings than he did in his new setting, and so ought to prove an addition to the Reds' strength next season."

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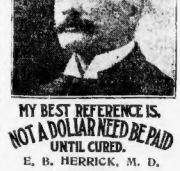

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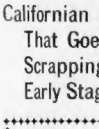
BRITT IN A HURRICANE BATTLE DEFEATS THAT SPEEDY CHICAGO BOY NELSON WHO MADE FINE SHOWING IN FRISCO

Californian Bests Chicago Fighter in Battle That Goes the Limit and Is Full of Hard Scrapping All the Way Through—Nelson in Early Stages Had the Best of the Argument.

Great Credit Is Due the Winner for His Display of Head Work During Clinches, and the Clever Way He Avoided the Desperate Rushes of the Chicago Boxer.

JIMMY BRITT, CONQUEROR OF BATTLING NELSON.

"Young Corbett" Says He Can Beat Either Man


YOUNG CORBETT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Say for me that I never saw such a sucker fight. It makes me almost weep to think that two such suckers could beat me. I will go to Harbin Springs to train, and will bet my money I can beat either man. The pair of them fought like blind men. They swung away at each other as if they didn't know the first rudiments of the boxing game. Why, a feather could have gone in and blown either one of them out of the ring. All I am aching for is a chance to meet either one of them in the ring again, and then you will see who is the champ fighter of the world.—"YOUNG CORBETT."

BY TAD.
(Special to Boston American By Longest Leased Wire in the World).

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Jimmy Britt won, but Battling Nelson has not lost a friend by the fight he put up. He did as he expected, and if Britt had not used all the cleverness he ever learned, there might have been a different decision. As a fighter, punch for punch, he has no equal, but Britt was not very anxious to show what a terrible puncher he is, and just jabbed and helt the Dane until he was out of danger.

It was a runaway, jab, clinch fight from the time the gong sounded, and one round was as much like another as could have been.

Nelson, full of fight as a gamecock, lowered his head and went after Britt, who backed away all around the ring. The Dane was after him, and no matter how hard Britt's terrible left or his deadly right landed, Nelson was just as aggressive and full of fight. His game was to get close to Britt, lower his head and bring away with both hands for the body. He had beaten all his other opponents this way, and Britt, who is an aggressive fighter himself, was expected to fight back punch for punch. Britt fooled the majority, however, and for the first three of his life labbed, held the Dane until there was no danger in the break, and then jumped away.

CROWD JEERS BRITT.

Britt was jeered and hooted repeatedly for his cautious work, but as he had his plan of battle mapped out, and in the end he proved to be the wiser of the two.

Britt had been the gentleman, Nelson, in battle before, and if men like Herrera and "Corbett" could not stand toe to toe and beat Battling he knew that it would be rank foolishness for him to try it. Three men beaten Nelson and held the lead, and he looked so easy that they thought a little slugging might drop him. There is the case of the Dane, and round after round he became stronger, until the other men were but mere toys in his hands.

Britt outjabbed him and danced away. He had no desire to get in to try to end the battle. It was a lucky thing for him that he did not stand there and proceed to knock that nose head off. Regardless of what the gallery said, Britt just fought his battle as he and it planned, and only once or twice during the go did he stand there toe to toe and slug. He made some cute, gaudless Britt from the time the gong rang until the finish of the fight.

NELSON SETS THE PACE.

Nelson started off the fight in his same aggressive manner. He lowered his head, and with his hands over his face waded in. He held and law with the left and right, but effectively they sailed harmless for the trouble. He went back to his dancing jab-a-Britt, Nelson following him and trying to get in another lick. They clinched and clinched until the crowd began to get restless, but he hung on until he was safe and then he stepped back. Britt landed, Nelson was no richer at infighting, and never for a moment did the Californian dare and try to finish the Dane when there was any real danger.

BRITT RUNS AWAY.

In the seventh Nelson tired of Britt's tactics and fought like a tiger, while Britt clinched and broke away to avoid them. James seeing it was useless trying to hold the game, let loose and proceeded on his way around the ring with the Dane after him like a wild man. They exchanged rights and lefts, and Nelson was getting in heavy jolts at close quarters. It looked as though he would have Britt down, even though the latter did hold on, and a good case at fighting Nelson to harvest at the speed of Nelson.

In the eighth Nelson battered Britt hard with rights and lefts, and even at close quarters got it again. Britt jumped away and came back with rights and lefts, one right crashing Nelson on the back of the head and sending him sprawling to the floor. He was up in a jiffy, however, forcing Britt to dance at top speed to the other corners of the ring. The melee after this mix was terrific and the gong could hardly be heard.

In the ninth Nelson left his corner on a run and went after Britt harder than ever. He stung the local lad with a left and followed with right, driving him to the ropes. Britt clinched until his head cleared, jabbed and then, caught again, Nelson never let up, and fought like a wildman in the clinches, while Britt with his opponent's gloves under his arms stayed until he was in the center of the ring.

The next two rounds were the same as the previous ones and not until the twelfth did the crowd have a chance to howl. This was the descent of the fight and it looked as though the Dane was in for good as it.

In the first clinch Nelson upercut Britt with his right, sending the local man's head back and started to follow with another left, but as he did Britt left fly his left and staggered Nelson. The latter put his hands over his face while Britt uppercutted, swung left and right, sending Nelson reeling around the ring.

The crowd was wild, standing on chairs and waving their hats and yelling for Britt to put him down. He swung and swung until it looked as though he would go over in a moment more. Suddenly Nelson straightened up and, with his head tightly closed, rushed at Britt, driving a terrific right to the latter's body that, up, dropped his hands and Nelson went at him like a cyclone. He fought Britt all along the ropes and out to the centre of the ring again. Here there was a mixup and when Nelson straightened up again he was covered with blood from a nasty cut on the forehead.

Arms were swinging so fast that the eye could not follow them and when the bell rang Spider Sullivan was in the pulling Britt out of the mix, carried him to his corner.

In the thirteenth Britt came up a bit tired, but labbed in good style, at once causing the blood to run down his face again and into his eyes. He kept up his runaway game with Nelson still in hot pursuit. He was trying hard for Britt again, and in his anxiety fell from a wild swing. He got Britt in a corner again and there was more in-fighting, after which a prolonged clinch forced Roche to take his shirt off.

CLARET FLOWS FREELY.

The fourteenth started off with another mixup, during which Britt was butted on the head and came out with a bad cut. His left eye was a bit swollen and his face, covered with blood, ran a close second to Nelson, who was still bleeding from the cut he received in the fourth round. The Dane used his left to good advantage here, and gave Britt all he could stand.

The fifteenth was another fierce round, both fighting for the body and landing. Britt swung wild with his right, trying to catch Nelson and the latter broke. The Dane was after him as he recovered himself and the two mixed it upon reuniting the wound on head once more and causing the blood to flow freely. This was another great round and it looked as though the fight would surely end before the limit at the pace they were going.

Britt came out of his corners on the jump in sixteenth and started good as it in manner and tongs again. Britt swung on the jaw with his left, then landed with the right and Nelson's legs began to wobble.

He stood up in the corner of the ring without trying to defend himself, and Britt let him have it right and left until he sank on opening, and then he fought hard to get up, receiving the wildest kind of cheering. The gong sounded while they were swinging in a corner, but neither of them heard it, and after the referee had parted seconds jumped in and pulled them away. They were separated and the round ended from the awful mixup.

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In the seventeenth Britt started off his dancing tactics as he did at the beginning of the fight, and Nelson was after him at a trot. He jabbed him in the nose, jolted him in the body and followed him as best possible.

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Boston American WOMAN'S Home Magazine

Shall Good Old Santa Claus, the Children's Christmas Friend, Be Abolished?

Boys and Girls in a Great Chorus Answer: "No."

AS Christmas approaches and the children are anticipating more keenly day by day the joy of obtaining the treasures that good old St. Nicholas has for them in his pack, the chorus of protest against the idea of doing away with Santa Claus grows more emphatic.

The stream of letters from young and old boys and girls, who hope through the BOSTON AMERICAN to arouse public sentiment in favor of the jolly saint, increases in volume.

It now amounts to a flood, and it is evident that the thousands of boys and girls who read the BOSTON AMERICAN are deeply in earnest in their crusade in favor of the jolly old Saint of the Yuletide.

More letters on the subject will be welcome. They should be addressed to the Editor Woman's Page, BOSTON AMERICAN, 80-82 Summer street.

THINKS SANTA WILL NOT MISS HER
Editor Woman's Page:

I don't think that Santa Claus should be abolished because he is so good to the little people like myself. He always brings me soothing every Xmas, and is very good to me. I am a little boy ten years old and I don't think Santa will miss me this Xmas. I think a lot of little boys and girls will agree with me. Hoping you will put this in your paper I will close, yours truly,
LAVENDER R. RICHARDSON.
No. 10 Bulfinch street, Boston.

PAPA KNOWS SANTA'S ADDRESS; QUEEN'S A SHUTTER
Dear Santa Claus:

Last eve I heard mamma and papa talking about abolishing Santa Claus and papa asked us children (I have three sisters and a brother) what we thought about it. I think it would be real mean to do it, why it is the only good Christmas morning is to get up and find our stockings chuckfull of the dainties but I wrote a letter to Santa Claus that my papa is going to send, he knows where to send everything and I guess santa will come to us any way.
ALLAN J. TUMA.
No. 78 Spring street.

NO MONEY; WANTS TOYS
Dear Santa Claus:

I am a boy thirteen years old and would like a suit of clothes. My father is not working and my mama is sick. We have no money. I also have a brother and some sisters. Little would like a doll that goes to sleep. She is eight years old. Also would like the same and my six year-old brother. While would like a sled.
RICHARD WINSLOW.

PLEASE GET RIGHT SIZES, SANTA CLAUS
Dear Santa Claus:

I am a boy 12 nine years old. I wish that you would bring me a tool chest and a pair of over-shoes, size 3. And I have a little sister four years old. She would like a piano and a doll and a sled. And my brother is eleven years old. He would like a pair of rubber boots, size 5. Yours truly,
WILLIAM HARRINGTON.
No. 15 Rockingham street, Roxbury.

LITTLE GIRL SAYS: "NO, BY ALL MEANS NO."
Editor Woman's Page:

In answer to H. H. Hartlen's letter I should to give him a few ideas of another person.

I, too, am 13 years old, but a girl, I, too, have heard the story of Santa Claus and found it untrue. But would I have him abolished? No, by all means no! Christmas eve would seem lonesome without the thought of him. I do not think I would children to forget the true meaning of Christmas. Haven't we children in our country heard this same story? I was a little brother 8 years old and would not think of starting his belief in dear old Santa. Neither of our own "selves" to our friends because we maintain this. Hoping I shall see this in print, I remain,
AN ADVOCATE OF SANTA CLAUS.

DON'T SEE WHY WE SHOULD FORGET SANTA CLAUS
Editor Woman's Page:

I am a little girl nine years old. I don't see why we should forget Santa Claus because he has been so good to us. I would like very much for Christmas a sled, a pair of skates and a pair of gloves. I am a good little girl.
HELEN LAUREL BOOTH.

BOYS AND GIRLS ALL WANT TO HELP HIM
Editor Woman's Page:

I hope that Santa Claus will not be Abolished because it makes the children good and kind because they think that they will not get nothing and then why I am a boy nine years old of the boys and girls all want to keep old Santa Claus alive.
THOMAS WATERS.
No. 71 Church street, Roxbury.

TWINS WANT A BARN FOR THEIR HORSES
Dear Mr. Santa Claus.

My brother and I are twins. We have no Papa and we want you to come and see us. We want you to bring us some toys. We want a barn for our horses and a gun and sword and a drum. We want to play soldier, and my sister wants a table and dishes for her doll. We want 2 shovels to clean the snow. We are in the 2 grade and my sister is 3 grade in school. Pies don't forget us, God bless you Santa. You the bestest man in the world.
JAMIE and JACKIE SULLIVAN.
No. 2366 Maverick street, East Boston.

ENTERS A STOUT PROTEST
Editor Woman's Page:

I do not want Old Santa Claus abolished for I want him to bring me something this coming Christmas.
BASIL CLOUGH.
Lynn.

HERE'S A LIST OF WANTS FOR YOU, SANTA CLAUS
Dear Santa Claus:

As Christmas is drawing near I thought I would write and tell what I would like to have. A book, a roll top desk and a doll and a pair of overshoes and a pair of rubbers and gaiters and a wash tub and a wash board, and a box of handkerchiefs and a side bag, and a box of writing paper and a little gold ring, and I have a little sister that would like the same, and I hope Santa Claus that you will all ways stay with us and never leave us and be with us for a good many years to come and never think of leaving us. I am a little girl, eight years old. My name is
MISS ALICE MAY MOREY.
No. 39 Eden street, Charlestown.

RUBBER BOOTS IN BIG DEMAND
Dear Santa Claus:

I want a pair of rubber boots and a team and horse and some candy not some oranges I am eight years old my name is
GEORGE L.
Taunton.

LOVES DEAR OLD SANTA
Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 4 years old and go to school. I love you dear old Santa. I would like you to bring me a sled, a drum, a rubber ball and a box of handkerchiefs and some toys if you can spare them.

Mamma says you will bring me lots of nuts and christmas candy as I have been a very good boy.

My little sister is six months old and I would like to have you bring her a little rubber doll.

Good-by dear old Santa don't forget
FREDDIE WELCH.

Jamaica Plain.

WANTS A TOOL CHEST.
Dear Santa Claus:

I am a boy, 7 years old, and go to the Margaret Fuller School. I wanna read the letters the children write to you through to the Boston American.

I want you to bring me a tool chest, a game and a Mother Goose rhyme, and any more toys you can spare.

My little brother is also writing to you and I am going to put his letter in with mine.
FRANK WELCH.

Jamaica Plain.

CAN COUNT TO 100, BUT HASN'T THAT MANY WANTS
Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll and a doll carriage and a box of handkerchiefs and a stocking full of things. I am a little girl seven years old, and I want a doll's table. I can count to one hundred. I do not want you to go away.
DOROTHY BICKFORD

LOTS OF LITTLE FOLKS WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED.
Editor Woman's Page:

I think that if Santa was going to be done away with as rumored he never would going to do. Lots of little children would be very much disapointed just as well as I am nine years old to-day and had a party.
URSULA KELLEY.
Chelsea.

MAMMA SAYS HE'S GOOD TO GOOD CHILDREN
Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy eight years old, and I love to have Old Santa call at my home every year. My mamma said he is a good man to good children and as I am a good boy. I would like a little stable with some horses and teams, some guns and a few story books. Please give my little sister Lillian a nice doll and a set of dishes, because she is a good girl and helps my mamma a good deal. Don't forget my dear little brother Thomas, bring him some toys to keep him happy and out of mischief. I hope I will find my stocking filled from the toe to the top, when I rise Christmas morning. Good-by.
WILLIAM O'BRIEN.
No. 5 Souths court, Charlestown.

"FOR GOODNESS SAKES, NO"
Editor Woman's Page:

Shall good old Santa Claus be forced out of business?" for goodness sakes" no. What would us little boys and girls do with out him. It makes us better when we no Santa Claus is coming. Our grandmothers had them when they were little girls and why can't we. And they were good people. I'm a little girl ten years old and my uncle takes the Boston American. And I want you to be sure and send Santa Claus
LUELLA A. NASH.
No. 902 Court street, Revere.

WILL BE MAD IF SANTA IS SENT AWAY
To the Editor:

My name is Mabel Greene, 7 years old. My papa is dead. I read the american every night and sunday morning and if you send Santa Claus a way I will be mad with you. tell him send me my pair of rubbers, my doll, carriage. from your little friend, tell Santa Claus I live at 1250 chestnut street, Lynn, mass.

SOME BOOKS AND A GO-CART
Dear Santa Claus:

I do not think Santa ought to be Abolished. He is my best friend if he would give me some books, and a go-cart. These are some things for my baby, and a Christmas tree.

I would be very happy if you do I will thank you very much. Yours truly,
HERBWICK A. Nine years old.
No. 5 Esther street, Worcester.

WHAT KIND OF BUTTONS DOES ST. NICK WEAR?
Dear Santa Claus:

I would like fore christmas a sled and pair of skates and my sister would like a doll and carriage. Good-by Santa Claus; come soon.
EDDIE KENNEY.
No. 178 Winthrop street, Winthrop.

P. S.—Would you send me three of your bonitons.

HERE'S THREE CHEERS FOR GOOD OLD ST. NICK
Editor Woman's Page:

I am a little girl 8 years old. I hope that Santa Claus will not be taken away from us because we all have faith. We stand about him this year but I enjoy him as much as ever. I always thought it was the truth but I know now that he is only a story. I don't believe that Santa Claus steers but they story of Santa Claus does steer. Three hurra, hurra, hurra, three cheers for good old St. Nick. Your friend,
MARIE FACE.
No. 23 Frederic street, Portland, Me.

SENDS LOVE TO MRS. SANTA
Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 17.

Dear Santa Claus:

I hope you will come to me a Christmas morning and Bring me a sled and Over coat and rubber boots candy oringes and pleas Santa bring MAMA A NUE dress to go To Church. I Have 2 moor brothers and 4 sisters. I have a little sister that is to come to my House love to miss Santy Claus.
JIMMIE LAUGHLIN.
No. 81 Willow street, Chelsea.

SHE BELIEVES IN DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS
Dear Santa:

I am a little girl of 11 years old and I have a thirteen years old and one four year and one mine please Santa bring me a fur and a pair of gloves and bring my brother a silk muffler and my little brother a horse and wagon I believe in dear old Santa and send all of us some candy thank you I think he is all so good by
from a little girl
GRACE F. HALL.
Westerly, R. I.

HE DON'T THINK ST. NICK A BLIFF
Editor Woman's Page:

I would not like Santa Claus to be abolished. He comes through the chimney at Christmas eve. He always brings me good presents. There is one particular gift I love the best of all, that is a book and I like skates next. Santy up he is a bluff but I don't think he is. Santa is my best friend, and I don't think he much of a Christmas without him. My little sister Helen has a dolllie and a peart bully. She allway says, "Mamma isn't Santa Claus coming very soon." I have three brother and one sister, and all are anxious for him to come and to bring him presents. I am a little German boy named
CHARLES GUENTHER.
No. 11 Myrtle avenue, Webster.

IS VERY COLD WHEN SHE GOES TO SCHOOL
Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl ten years old. My father and my brother has been in the Hospital, and my father, hasent any money. I do not know if he is going to send me a dress and a hat, and I am very cold when I go to school, and I have a brother twelve years old and he has a pair of old shoes and a old suit, and he his a shame to go to school, and we are very cold when we go home and we cry all the time, and my mother cries because of it you please, dear Old Santa Claus sent us those things I am your little girl Jane Tuso. My address is
LENA TUSO.
No. 83 Common street, Lawrence.

P. S.—Good-by Santa Claus.

THINKS IT MEAN TO TRY TO FORGET HIM
Editor Woman's Page:

Please keep Santa Claus for me. I think it mean to try and forget him. And oblige me.
FRANK LINNIHAN, age fifteen.
Roxbury.

A LITTLE DRUM WOULDN'T DO AT ALL
Editor Woman's Page:

Please give this letter to Santa Claus as I would like to have a big drum for Christmas. I do not want Santa Claus to away. My name is
ABRAM SILVER, Seven years old.
No. 4 Howland st., New Bedford.

HERE'S A PEN PICTURE OF THE SAINT
Editor Woman's Page:

I believe that there is a Santa Claus because his fills our stockings full of present and he is a very nice fellow to him. He looking man but I think he is not so old as he looks. He comes down the chimneys and his reindeers from roof to roof, jumping down the chimneys and leaving nice presents. But if we should wake he would not give us any presents. I believe in Santa Claus if no one else does. I wish to have this christmas a very nice present whatever it is going to be. I am twelve years of age.
ANNA HAMPE

No. 28 Glenwood street, Roxbury.

PLEASE NOTIFY US WHERE YOU WILL BE, IF YOU LEAVE
Dear Santa Claus:

I heard that you were going to leave, but I hope not, if you do so please notify us in the paper where you will go for we want to keep track on of you! Please bring me a large doll and a dollcarriage, hoping you will bring these. I'm 9 years old and like Santa very much closing I remain
LOTTIE D. SEABERG.
No. 18 Summit avenue, Everett.

IS HER DEAREST FRIEND
Editor Woman's Page:

Do not drive dear Santa Claus away because he is my dearest friend. I would like a big doll for Christmas and a carriage. If I am not asking to much I would like a silk umbrella. My cousin also sends a few lines to you dear old Santa Claus. Many kisses to you Santa and many greetings to you. Yours truly,
EMMA E. GRACE.
No. 1707 Congress avenue, Chelsea.

WANTS WHOLE FAMILY REMEMBERED
Editor Woman's Page:

Tell Santa Claus to come to my brother Raymond and I, and don't forget my two little cousins Hegert Lynch and Arthur who are as big and my brothers, Willie Barry, Raymond Barry, Henry Lynch, Arthur Lynch.
Lawrence.

WOULD NOT HAVE ANY FUN WITHOUT HIM
Dear Editor Woman's Page:

Do not have Santa Claus sent away because we children would not have any fun out of Christmas. I am only nine years old and your loving little reader,
DONALD E. McINTIRE.
No. 14 Taber road, West Medford.

P. S.—I enjoy your funny sheet very much and a Merry Christmas to you.

WANTS SANTA CLAUS TO BE BUSY AND MERRY
Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 5 years old I want you to please send me a gun and some blocks to build a house tools box a rocking horse and gluney gun driveing horses I think that is all.
THOMAS NORBURY.
Newport, R. I.

P. S.—I hope Santa Claus I wish you a merry Christmas.

ALL SHE WANTS IS A PAIR OF SKATES
Dear Santa Claus:

I hope the people will not send you away for we love you. I heard someone say you were good to little children and give them some nice presents. All I want is a pair of skates to fit a size 3. And a nice big doll.

Kisses for Santa Claus from a girl 10 years old.
ROSE GARVEY.
No. 48 Howland st., New Bedford.

PLATE OF OATMEAL FOR SANTA
My Dear Santa Claus:

I am a girl of 7 years old. My father is out of work and my mother is sick so I have to buy any toys for me. I have a little brother who is 4 years old. I would like a doll and a carriage. My brother would like a drum and a soldier suit. I will have a plate of oatmeal for you to warm you up.
SUSAN KELLOGG.

GOT NOTHING LAST CHRISTMAS
Dear Santa Claus:

Would you please send me a present this Christmas, because I did not get none last time?
CHARLES THOMPSON.

ABOLISH SANTA CLAUS? NEVER
Editor Woman's Page:

Shall Santa Claus be abolished? No he should not. He is our dear friend. I am a girl of nine years old and would like to have a doll and a carriage. From a girl whose name is
JOSEPHINE WELSH.
No. 180 South street, Providence, R. I.

P. S.—My father is in poor circumstances and can't get me any presents.

US LITTLE FOLKS CANNOT GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU
Dear Santa Claus:

Us little folks cannot get along without you. It would not seem like Christmas without you. I expect you to bring me a pair of boots. My name is
JOHN O'CONNELL, eight years old.
No. 39 Forbes street, Worcester.

WANTS SANTA CLAUS TO COME TO EVERY CHILD IN THE WORLD
Dear Boston American:

I do not think Santa Claus should be put out his business altogether. He has done very well with me ever since I was a little girl of a lot and everyone in my house is looking for him this Christmas.

I am only ten years old and I see the meaning of the word abolished. I hope Santa Claus will come and see every child in this world this coming Christmas. Yours Respectfully,
ELMA A. TAHER.
Russell Mills road, South Dartmouth.

HAS NO FATHER OR MOTHER
Editor Woman's Page:

Please will you send this letter to Santa claus as I would like very nicely to have a pair of shoes and a nice new coat for I have no Father or mother to dress me. My name is
MILLIE MINNEHAN, 7 years old.
No. 2 Washburn st., Chelsea.

Santa Claus

I

Santa Claus is growing old.
His beard is long and grey.
The winter now is very cold.
Upon good Christmas day.

II

Children think of him at night
And out of bed they some times peep
But he is always out of sight,
And soon they drop arleep.

III

But while they sleep
He Brings the toyes.
And gives a heap.
To girles and boys

III

Now should he be abolished.
He has worked for us all year,
The toys are nicley polished.
And he is such a dear.

by R. J. M.

Dear La Editor woman's Page.

I am only 13 years old, and I am very interested in the Boston American. I just sat down, and with no help under the of course I consider it not very much account. but pretty good for aboy who had no experience I wrote another called, And My name was Maud, which you can have if you want it. ask in your paper if you want it, it is pretty good

R. J Mackie
South Boston
831/2 2nd St

A poem to Santa Claus, written by a South Boston boy, 13 years old

Letters in a Flood From Youthful Readers.

THE EMPTY STOCKING

POVERTY'S AWAKENING ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

Married to Mystery, Boston American's Thrilling Romance of To-day

Chapter CXX.—Continued.

As he passed one of these men hailed him.

"Hi, sir! One moment, sir! We need help."

Basil sprang from his machine with an oath. What could those fellows want with him? He could be delayed beyond all possibility of reaching the station in time to carry out his project.

"What is the matter?" he asked impatiently.

"If you are going to the town, sir, will you send us up a doctor? It is very urgent —a sudden illness"——

"I am a doctor," said Basil. He could not in reality deny himself.

"Oh, thank you. You are good. Will you come—at once?" The speaker was a big swarthy man with a heavy beard. He was dressed in fur garments.

"Yes. Tell me about the patient. I was in a great hurry—but, of course——"

"Sir—she is my niece. I know not what has happened. She left me in short, abrupt sentences, and with a slightly foreign accent. "It came over her quite suddenly. She just felt drowsy and became quite pale. I think it nothing. I laugh. I say she will be well presently. But she does not get well. And cold—she has become so cold."

"Take me to her at once."

The gypsy led the way among the vans till he came to one which stood at a little distance from the others. An old bent woman sat on the steps of it, and one or two ragged children were playing about the wheels. Cold and frosty as was the evening, the whole tribe seemed to be in the open air.

"She is here, my niece," said the man. "It is her van."

He spoke some words in an incomprehensible language to the old woman, who rose and ushered them into the interior of the great, lumbering wagon. Basil looked round him in surprise as the door was opened.

Basil's leader made no comment, nor did he seem to notice his companion's evident surprise. He drew back a heavy curtain and led the way into the inner room.

Here, upon a rich couch, fully dressed, lay a girl. A mass of black hair framed a face as beautiful as any that Basil had ever seen.

But the face was of a ghastly pallor. The girl lay immovable. She was like a figure modelled in wax.

Chapter CXXI.

A Fateful Recognition.

"SHE is not dead?" The gypsy put the question with apparent trepidation.

Basil bowed over the beautiful patient. "She is not dead. She is not even in danger of death. Her heart beats normally. She is in a trance or she has been drugged. When did she come on?"

"This afternoon—a few hours ago. I have seen her in such trances before, but never they last like this. Never she become so white. She is what the gypsies call 'soumanbulist.' Then, too, she read the future in a dream. She travel all over Europe and earn much—it is now that she come to America—and in America"——

He shrugged his shoulders deprecatingly. Evidently he was not pleased with his niece's reception in this country. "But she come not here to perform," he added. She come for other purposes."

But the extravagant decorations of the van were thus explained. Basil remembered the "Somnambule" of French fairs, the "Wahrsagerin" of the Germans. The luxuriously furnished little apartment was for the edification of the witch's clients.

"It is now that we come to America," repeated the man. "but Zora she will not leave her van behind. She say it is her home."

"From what part of the world do you come?" asked Basil, with some curiosity.

The man stretched his arms out vaguely. "I know not," he said; "the world belong to the gypsy. My race is of every country. I come to see my brethren in this country. There are many. But my own people call me, and I come. I am from the land of the Magyars—far away. But the Zingarees has no home."

He turned his attention once more to the girl upon the bed. "She is not ill then?" he asked, as if he were not sure.

"She is not ill," said Basil, "but cannot say that she may not become ill. Are these trances of hers—when she tells fortunes—real or simulated?"

"Ah, sir," said the man evasively, "you ask much. Zora I cannot say that all is true or all is false. She sleeps, but she can awaken when she pleases. She hold a little mirror—ah, sir, there it is"—he picked up a small silver mirror of quaint design that lay on a low table beside the girl's bed—"and look into it—so—then she fall asleep."

"She hypnotizes herself, in fact."

"For a few minutes only. That is why I for to-day. Since we come to this country she have not told fortunes. But she do as she will. I control her not."

He seemed unwilling to answer questions as to the girl's movements during the course of the day. He was apparently satisfied to know that she was out of danger, and anxious to conclude the interview. And at that moment, as if to prove that Basil had been correct in his conclusions, Zara stirred and opened her eyes.

Her eyes were large and black, and as beautiful as Basil had pictured them to himself, judging what they must be from what he had seen of the girl's face. She was very dark, and of the true gypsy type; her features were delicate and exquisitely proportioned; her eyes were dark as night as if all the color of her cheeks had flown to her lips—in the dim light Basil could almost fancy them blood-stained. He wondered, as he gazed at them, strangely fascinated, if the color was natural or due to a dye. They were slightly parted, exposing the white line of small sharp teeth, and the corners of the mouth were drawn, giving a suggestion of cruelty to the face, which, as a whole, was of a beauty of a description which Basil could not understand, the suggestion of a fierce untamed nature, the hint of a mysterious origin, of deep and subtle forces—the forces which the uncivilized not unfrequently has for the cultured.

Zara lifted a brown hand—her skin was very dark—to her delicate throat and coughed; then her eyes met those of the stranger. For a moment they rested upon him, and he returned the gaze, entranced. It seemed as if those eyes awakened strange memories within him, thoughts which vanished as they were half-formed, associations of time and place quite apart from the present.

Evidently it was not a strange effect, and he could not analyze it, even afterward when he recalled the events at his leisure.

The girl raised herself upon her elbow and spoke a few words in a foreign language to Basil's companion. He replied quickly, bending over her, and looking askance at Basil over his shoulder.

Then a strange sadness came upon the young man. It occurred to him suddenly that this girl was not really ill. She was accustomed to simulate trances, and could easily have done so for the purpose of inveigling him into the gypsy encampment. What he should they wish him ill, these people? Then he remembered that Paul Harold's unprepossessing servant, had deliberately lied to him. There could be, then, not one of them himself, and that the old butler, West, had told him that Paul had passed down the road in the company of a dark, rough-looking fellow.

What if he had been tracked by Paul, at the instigation of Harold Borradale, who knew that he had been left a bad sum of money by his wife after what he had heard that afternoon? What if Paul had realized that he, Basil, was intent on following the woman to the station, and had plotted this scheme in order to balk the project? In that case something may have happened to Esther before the station was reached—the carriage may have been turned back—anything—and he had been prevented from helping the woman he loved.

But after a moment he told himself that those fears were absurd. He was excited, overwrought by the events of the day, and afraid of shadows. Then that girl's eyes had affected him so queerly. It was as if she knew him and almost as if he had known her at some forgotten period of his life or in another existence perhaps. It was impossible that he could really ever have met her before, for she appeared hardly older than seventeen or eighteen, and he could remember all the events of his life for as many years as that.

She was sitting up on the bed now, talking to the gypsy man, so Basil prepared to take his departure. At that moment, however, a slight sound, a footstep probably, caused him to glance through the little window of the room. Two men were standing just outside—he could see their faces by the flickering light of a fire burning close by—and in one of them he recognized Paul. Furthermore, Paul held a long sandbag in his hand, and he was just showing it to his companion with a chuckling laugh, the echo of which penetrated to Basil's ears. All the rest of the plans had withdrawn from the neighborhood of Zara's van, which had been placed at some little distance from the others. There was but those two men without, and they were waiting—for what?

No doubt they were waiting for him. The gypsy-woman was turned away from the road, and on descending from it one was practically in the wood. A sandbag was a deadly weapon, remember—it was more easy. But was it possible that Harold Borradale could be responsible for this? Basil could hardly credit it. Robbery, pure and simple, was more likely to be the reason. "A cut-throat lot"—old West had described them so. The scheme must have originated with Paul, who knew Basil for a doctor.

But it was no time to waste hypotheses. Thoughts had flashed rapidly through Basil's brain, and he had not in any way betrayed his anxiety. He even smiled in response to the gypsy's assurance that his niece was now quite recovered.

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PLAYERS TRIP ON FRENCH

By Alan Dale.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The third act of "Brother Jacques" at the Garrick Theatre could be neatly nipped from Henry Bernstein and Pierre Veber's "four-act comedy" and be successfully presented as an amusing and somewhat original little farcical curtain-raiser. It stands all by itself. Acts I., II. and IV. are not only unnecessary, but tiresome, illogical, far-fetched and long-drawn-out.

This is the theme of the third act: A rapid youth, and a fascinating, unsophisticated maidenette have been married in the afternoon, according to French conventionality. She "loves another" and discovers the fact when the "other" goes away to South America just after the ceremony. He is in the toils of the usual "music hall artist." The scene is her boudoir at night; mother-in-law under the marriage will and void.

They talk things over. He is an ass, and she knows it. She takes him with his love for "artistic," and he admits it. He suggests her attachment to somebody else, but owns that she is not quite certain of it, for she is a stage heroine—and they never know anything. She advises him to go to her at once and fly to Louisette, so that she can procure a divorce, which she tells him is inevitable sooner or later. Let it be sooner, to get it over.

Demands Her Divorce.

Thereupon he puts on his hat and coat, says goodby and jumps from the window. She calls in a crowd of witnesses, the wedding guests, announces to them the perfidy of the youth, demands a divorce, and falls in simulated hysterics, on the sofa, as the curtain falls.

There's your little play, breezy and exhilarating—a little comic opera, no doubt—thing that might be rendered quite valuable as a curtain-raiser. At the Garrick Theatre, however, you have to endure three unnecessary acts, and that is a bit of a bore. You have to dally with an absurd "marquis," a ridiculous lawyer, a verbose old "aunt," and numerous people and madames. In addition to these, there is a hideous American heiress, "daughter of a chocolate king, who in the end induces the old marquis to consent to his son's divorce, by hinting that she may marry him. It is very expensive, set forth as a comedy, and French "chateau" life is not conducive to the welfare of American actors. Their efforts to seem at home in a chateau are precisely illusion-giving, and they are as uncomfortable amid the alleged French surroundings as they are with their French accents. I never saw the American actor that wears a "monocle."

Stumble Over French Names.

The heroine's name is Genevieve. They nearly all call her John-vieve, or Jean-vieve, or Jon-vieve. Nobody but the Marquis gets her name right. She gets it wrong herself. Their efforts to be French at all costs was a bit engulfing. Under the circumstances it would have been preferable to call the heroine Susan. Susan is quite a bit uncommon, but John-vieve sticks in the gills, and sets one's teeth on edge. Susan is delighted with such a mispronounced baptismal.

The last act is called "Bonbonnière," and they fare better with that, while "Madame Moreaux" is also easier. French surroundings do not suit us at all—any more than English surroundings would suit a French company. But "Brother Jacques" could not be adapted to this country. It is impossible in French; it could not brook the cold, classic light of day. If we only have got to have a silly girl, who allows herself to marry an unknown nincompoop, only to decide two hours after the wedding that she won't live with him, let her get to get it in French. In English, its locality would be a flower for the feet of beets. In French, it can always be placed in a "chateau."

Call Saloon Saloon.

The drawing room, or salon, of the French house is programmed as "the saloon," which is somewhat misleading in its significance. The Marquis drinks a cup of chocolate there, to be sure, but "saloon" is not elegant. It has two meanings, and these is always the danger of accepting the wrong one. With the English aristocracy we are always going to copy Mayfair, London, is distinctly within our ken, but from the Faubourg St. Germaine, Paris —and its ramifications—we are pretty nearly sealed.

Little Miss Annie Russell is very charming in "Brother Jacques," and in that amusing third act she is the whole show. The play is a sandwich—two stout hunks of beef with a thin layer of meat—and that thin layer is almost worth while, and Annie Russell is excellent therein. The nonsuness of any sort is her strong point, and in "French artistic" she is a trifle less plausible than the American or English, but is nevertheless well above the average. It is invariably easy for Miss Russell. Possibly she has come to take a philosophic view of these ingenuous roles, in which case her work must be hard.

Young Mr. Joseph Wheelock as the vapid youth was equally acceptable—a bit self-conscious perhaps, and concerned as to the effect of his "make-up," but generally pleasing, and youthful. This is the second time he has been a French son this season, which is an odd thing to reflect upon when you remember that Mr. Wheelock is completely and distinctively American.

He Loved "John-vieve."

Oswald Yorke, as Brother Jacques, took the centre of the stage, and looked to affectionately at the audience that you felt he must be immensely pleased with himself. He was distinctively English, and nothing seemed to interfere with his wonderful amount of self-appreciation. He was the gentleman who loved John-vieve.

Grant Stewart as the "Markee," made up with a white wig, and a chalky expression of impressing bloodlessness, did the best he could. The same may be said of Mrs. Yaworski, whose part was unworthy of her admirable powers. Miss Elizabeth Johnson, a pretty girl, was charming and pleasing. But the "four bridesmaids" were enough to "forbid the banns" of any wedding. Such girls!

"Brother Jacques" was originally produced at the Vaudeville Theatre, in Paris, its third act might be done at vaudeville theatre here—which isn't as bad as it sounds, for good vaudeville is very hard thing to find, and when found it usually "goes big."

WAS IT SANTA CLAUS?

A thrilling automobile adventure of Christmas time in which the Katzenjammer Kids figure. A whole page of funny pictures by Dirks, exclusively in next Sunday's BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN.

ATTACKS GIRL, 1 YEAR.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 21.—Ernest Letsopho, charged with attacking Mary Kennedy and Jane Kennedy, young girls, pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to one year and an additional three months for assault and battery.

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By Boston American Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Charles F. Dodge will arrive in New York Saturday, so the lawyers and others interested in the C. W. Morse-C. F. Dodge-Mrs. Morse Dodge affair declared to-day.

The many court proceedings in Texas have had the effect of inducing Dodge to change his mind, and he is now believed to be in a mood to tell all he knows and make no more trouble.

At the offices of the Mailory Line to-day it was said that their coaster, the Lampasas, which sailed from Galveston last Saturday, with Dodge aboard, will reach New York late Saturday.

The last legal step in Texas was taken Friday when Federal Judge Burns entered an order ordering the United States Marshal to take Dodge back to New York to answer to the charge of perjury.

The Government has the affidavits far Dodge with disbarment in the event that they do not cease their endeavors to prevent their client's return to New York.

NEWS OF THE THEATRES

Realism runs riot in the presentation of "Way Down East." Enough live stock is introduced on the stage to stock a sound farm; the wall, with its big sewers, looks like the real thing; there are so many horses that their stabling would be a problem in most theatres, and the snow storm the pantomime has to be realistic that it would send the mercury in the thermometer down to zero in July. These things help out the imagination wonderfully and you can't help thinking that the peg Hi Holler brings in holds real cider.

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If you really want to laugh you cannot do better than run in to see Billy Van at the Globe. The piece is one continuous laugh from beginning to end. There is no rhyme or reason in it, but it does not matter either. Billy Van is a really clever comedian, and he has lots of new people with him. For an unpretentious show it is one of the best that ever happened.

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Willis P. Sweetnam is one of the old timers among black-face comedians, although he does not look it, either off or on the stage. He is one of the few who, in the old minstrel days, really made a study of the colored man, and played him on the stage as he was in real life. There was always something about his work that differentiated him from others in his line, and his study now stands him in good stead, for his Rastus Johnson in "The County Chairman" is one of the most grotesque negro impersonations the stage has ever seen.

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Eleanor Robson, after a season in London in "Merely Mary Ann" that from all accounts has been phenomenally successful, returns home this week. She will give a special matinee performance in New York on Friday and then start West. She brings with her as leading man Frank Mills, a young American actor who has spent the past half dozen years in London, where he has become very prominent. He was a member of the New York Lyceum company for the seasons of '96-7 and '97-8, and then went to London with "The Heart of Maryland" and stayed there. He has only made one American appearance since, with Elsie De Wolfe in "The Way of the World," in the Fall of 1901.

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One of the oddest things about Bob Hilliard's performance in the little play he is giving this week at Keith's is the fact that he is playing a part that requires him to appear in rough garments. Well as he plays it, it does not seem natural to see him attired with anything but sartorial perfection. In his new play, which he will present for the first time on Thursday of next week, in Providence, he will return to "the clothes he belongs in."

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"Beyond" will be seen again in Boston, this time at Steinert Hall, the week of Jan. 2, and seats are now on sale. There will be matinees Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. James A. Young will again be the Edgar Allen Poe, and Gordon Johnstone will be the Brandon, Jr. The presentation attracted a good deal of attention when it was last seen here, and there has been quite a demand for its return.

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Perhaps Robert E. Graham, more intimately known as "Bob," does not like to have his age referred to, nor is he so very old, but he has probably more successful comedy characterizations to his credit, in light opera, extravaganza and musical comedy, than any man on the stage. He has played sometimes in repertoire companies and sometimes he has stayed in one show the whole season, but in the years he has been on the stage he has piled up a record. His widower, with the fondness for the "gratifying widow" in "Tilt, Pelt Pouf," is one of the most artistic things he has done.

BUSY SEASON OF SOCIETY IN BOSTON IS ON

Vincent Club Girls Preparing For Their Annual Theatrical Production.

RECENT FAIR NETS $4,500

Plans for the annual theatricals of the Vincent Club, which are given soon after Lent, are being made by the members of the club. Already six young women have submitted manuscript copies of their plays and operas. The committee is busily engaged in going over these productions and will report at the next meeting of the club.

Miss Dorothy Forbes, the president of the club; Miss Abigail Adams, Miss Isabel Morison, Miss Elizabeth Porter, Miss Ada Jane Hooper and Miss Caroline King are to have charge of the production. The stage management and the directing of the work will be under the direction of the girls whose work is accepted.

Miss Forbes reports that all returns from the recent fair have been made and the net proceeds were $4,500. This is in excess of that made in former years.

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Mrs. Thomas F. Galvin's coming out reception and tea for her daughter, Miss Helen Galvin, was given at the Galvin residence on Washington street, Brookline. The house was trimmed with sprays of Southern smilax. Mrs. and Miss Galvin received in the parlor, which was decorated with lamps, smilax and garlands of greens intertwined with tiny electric light bulbs.

Miss Mildred Pope, Miss Ethel Fuller, Miss Louise Higgins, Miss Marie Gatewood, Miss Alice Wilcox and Miss Mar guerite Galvin poured. About two hundred friends were present.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Dixey and their son and daughter, Arthur Sturgis Dixey, and Miss Rosamond Dixey, have returned from Lenox, and are at their Beacon Winter home on Beacon street.

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Among the Boston society girls who have taken up horseback riding this Winter are Miss Eleanor Gray, Mr. and Mrs. John Chipman Gray's only daughter; Miss Hester Bancroft and Miss Cary Welch, Mrs. John Bancroft's two daughters, the Misses Hollis Eleanor and Anne Stockton, of Beacon street; Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Fay's daughter, Miss Ethel Fay; Miss Margaret Perkins, Miss Nancy Whitesides, Miss Sophie Forbes, Miss Margaret King, Mrs. William Amory, 2d, Miss Helen Clement, Miss Beaumont Blagden, Miss Tucker Bury, Misses Carrie and Margaret Endicott, Miss Marie Sturgis, Mrs. Lawrence Brandegee's daughter, Miss Dorothy Allen, Miss Carey Hubbard, the Misses Waldron and Miss Marion Phelps.

"SEVEN UP" THE DIVERSION OF CRANE BETWEEN ACTS

"Business Is Business" On the Stage Only; Cards Behind the Scenes.

By Eleanor Ames.

On the stage "Business Is Business" with William H. Crane. Behind the scenes business is seven-up.

The moment Isidore Luchat leaves the stage he eases to exist until the next act, and William H. Crane goes into his dressing room, tosses his coat to his valet, and with "The Head Gardener," who is Guy Nichols, plunges into the midst of that fascinating game.

There is great rivalry between Mr. Crane and Mr. Nichols as to which shall have the right to be called the "Seven Up champion."

Each game is made a matter of record and a little notebook is reserved with black marks that it looks like an ancient volume of hieroglyphics.

"Like the book of 'David Harum,' the two players busted 1,584 games, and at the end they have held the balance of power.

"I interrupted a game the other night when I went behind the scenes to tell Mr. Crane that Lolotte Leclair is not a Crane part, and yet a Crane triumph.

"It seems that I couldn't have thought up a finer thing to say.

Mr. Crane was delighted.

"I'm so glad to have you say so," he said. "Everybody says so. It is the greatest compliment which people can pay me. He fingered with pleasure.

"Why?" I asked in surprise.

Why He Is Pleased.

"Because I don't want to make it a Crane part," he said. "I see trick not to. When people tell me that I have succeeded I am delighted.

He pulled the gray mustache carefully and touched lightly his side whiskers to see if they were still there.

Then he looked reluctantly at the cards, stretched forth his hand longingly, but courteously resisted the temptation and lighted a cigar instead.

"You see," he began, "I have created a distinct line of business. It got so that every nice, middle-aged man who cropped up in a play, especially if he was a jolly sort, with a sense of humor, was at once offered to a Crane part. Well, now, that's all very fine to see that you have created a new character and that it has become closely identified with your acting, but it doesn't pay forever.

Again he patted the side whiskers and smoothed the mustache into firmer adherence to his upper lip.

"It came to be a commercial necessity for me to change my methods. I had to do something different. The people liked me in the line of work, oh, yes. But the fact of my having a new part in a new play didn't count much to them.

"'Seen Crane in So and So?' some one would ask another. 'No? would be the reply, but I saw him in Thus and So, and he's just the same.'

"So while they might say 'he's always good,' the fact that 'he's just the same' made it unnecessary to pay out money to see a good play.

Asks a Problem.

"Why, suppose that I played a certain part better than anyone else in the world, so long as I was always just the same, what good would it do me? If people had seen me once, they had seen me forever.

"As we actors get older we have to look out for the money. If we expect to get our bread and butter and a little marmalade besides, we've got to keep up public interest.

Again his hand strayed toward the cards. It seemed almost cruel not to let him the progress of that game to check.

"Like Bernhardt, I have to do some fine thing else that I've never played them than let would be," he said. "That's why I like it. It has been the hardest work I've ever done. I have subsidized my own public quality. I have tried to forget all my mannerisms. I've tried to send Crane into retirement and make Luchat one of his best creations.

So you can see that when someone comes to me and tells me that he doesn't like it, because it's not Crane why I'm delighted.

"It's like an old friend of mine from Utica who, with his family, arrived from Europe and finding I was playing engagement in town on the very night he reached New York.

Was Disappointed.

"After the first act he came back to my dressing room. I thought he looked very glum and watched me curiously. Finally I asked him what was the trouble.

"'I'm disappointed,' he said, 'more disappointed than I can tell. The play may be all right, but I haven't seen you to-night.'

"I nearly wrung his hand off with my thanks. It was the greatest compliment I could have had. It's a great play, I think, but it would be a lot of fun to see understand it. Some people leave the theatre in disgust. Others come half a dozen times.

A warning bell tinkled. I rose to go.

Mr. Crane glanced at the cards with a look of resignation. There was no chance for him to challenge his opponent until Isidore Luchat had played another act of "Business Is Business."

At the door I turned back.

"What of the possibilities of the Law suit Grosse affair for future comedy?" I asked.

He smiled, then grew serious.

"The material is there," he said, "if one could only forget the melodrama under it all.

"You know, in all such financial shake ups some one is losing, perhaps his all."

He shook his head gravely, and once more patted the mustache and whisker into place.

Five minutes later and Isidore Leclair had put William H. Crane out of existence.

MRS. M'KAY IS HURT AT HUNT

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Frank J. McKay, formerly of Chicago, but now one of the leaders in the social set in England, was badly hurt while fox hunting with the exclusive Quorn Hounds. She was thrown at one of the jumps and taken unconscious from the field, suffering from concussion of the brain.

KNIFE THE LAST HOPE FOR LIFE

Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. Carter, of Highland avenue, Needham, who were seriously injured in a runaway accident in Needham yesterday, were resting comfortably to-day. Mrs. Carter is much improved. Mr. Carter, however, is still in a precarious condition.

At a consultation of physicians late yesterday afternoon it was decided that an operation would be necessary if Mr. Carter's life was to be saved. The operation was performed by Dr. Brewster of Boston, assisted by Dr. Melvin Richardson and Dr. William Mitchell.

Protect your family. Make sure that money will be forthcoming for your funeral, if anything should happen to you. Insurance to the amount of $100.00 will be given free to every reader of next Sunday's BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN. Don't fail to get a copy. Price, 5 cents, everywhere.

GOULD'S SON STOPS HAZERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—While being pursued in upper Broadway by a crowd of hazers, Frank Jay Gould, son of George J. Gould, drew a revolver and fired over the heads of the crowd. The shot was not heard by those who was soon surrounded by the sophomores, and from which he was rescued by his father.

COLORED MAN ON CLASS DAY LIST

A colored man is to serve as one of the senior class day officers at Harvard. After one of the closest and most exciting contests ever held at Harvard, W. C. Matthews, the colored athlete, has been declared the winner over C. Travis, of New York, in the other officer.

The class committee elected eandsis of P. G. Hollis, of New York, chairman; H. Bowditch and Bob Wilson, the scrub football player. H. C. Egan, the golf champion, was elected chairman of the spread committee, with W. S. Poor and C. R. D. Meier. Hugh Kernan is chairman of the ivy committee, together with B. F. Jewett and R. D. Moot.

GIVES PARK TO TWO CITIES.

"Pine Banks," the handsomely laid out and wooded tract of about 100 acres lying between Melrose and Melrose, has been offered to those cities for public park purposes by the heirs of Elisha S. Converse.

SHIP IN DIRE PERIL, MAN LOST

While the steamer Border Knight, from Calcutta for Boston, was staggering through the gales that kicked up by a hurricane on December 13, a seaman named Constant Pierre was struck by a wave and fairly driven overboard through a porthole. He was missed when the storm had subsided, and only a piece of the oilskin jacket, which clung to the hook of the port, remained to tell of his fate.

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The days that remain before Christmas must at best be days of overwork and worry to all of those employed in the task of supplying the public's purchasing needs.

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We submit a few suggestions that, if followed, will do more real good among the hardworking clerks of the city than any amount of theorizing.

Go to the stores as early as you can—don't make the crowd worse by going in the rush hours unnecessarily.

Keep your temper with clerks, and even with delivery wagons. Remember that people who are overworked and tired out are entitled to some consideration and sympathy.

Don't ask useless questions, don't waste the time of employes looking at or talking about things that you don't mean to buy—you can do all of that after Christmas and all the rest of the year.

Don't be afraid to carry home trifling little parcels. You have a legal right but not a MORAL right to make a poor horse cover ten extra blocks on the slippery streets to deliver a ten-cent parcel.

Above all, do your buying NOW—TO-DAY. Don't wait for the last day or two. Get through as soon as you can.

While you are planning to give presents to your friends—expensive presents, perhaps—don't fail to give to the tired clerks POLITENESS and SYMPATHY—very important presents that cost nothing.

Don't rush and scramble, don't scold, don't be touchy. Christmas is the time for Christian character to show itself. Keep your temper. Think of those that work hard.

Russia's Great Fight Is at Home

The Japan War as Nothing Compared With the Struggle for Man's Rights in the Empire

Not since the line was formed by the Norseman Rurik, a thousand years ago, has any chief of the Romanoffs found the burden of power and responsibility of rule so appalling as Nicholas, who today rules Russia.

There has just been observed the anniversary of the passage of the Beresina when Russia broke from the throat of the world the grip of Napoleon, but the Czar's difficulties to-day are greater than were those of the Corsican when he saw the last remnant of his once mighty force sink in the ice-filled river.

The war in Manchuria is nothing as against the struggle of the masses of Russia against the classes. Port Arthur's fate is a little thing against the struggle that is on between the Czar and his subjects.

The man in Russia is asserting himself against Privilege. On one side is the doctrine of the divine right of the King and the divine privilege of the Church against the liberty of the people.

In the Czar's person are the law, the life and the rule of the nation.

Before the barons of England wrung a constitution from King John the Slav had enjoyed and had lost a democratic form of government.

At St. Petersburg the Zemstvo is demanding what the Englishmen demanded at Runymede.

The people want a popular assembly, and the rule of absolutism to cease.

The human impulses of the Czar are with the people, but against him stand the traditions of his race, the superstition of an old established system—whose mighty exemplars were Ivan, Peter and Catherine—and the power of a compact Church, which flatters him as master but rules him as a slave.

Mirsky, the Minister who succeeded Von Plehve, the assassinated, took office under promise of reforms and a liberalized government. He threatens that unless these liberties are granted he will resign.

The procurator of the Holy Synod urges the Czar to stand fast against the foolish notion that the people are capable of having a voice in the government. He warns Nicholas that he must hold out for absolutism or see the Church and the empire perish.

The woman, the Czar's wife, pleads for the reforms, for she says she does not want to see her boy blown to pieces by a bomb.

Though Kuropatkin and his quarter of a million men freeze and fight and die, though Stoessel starves under a circle of fire with 40,000 of the "Little Brothers," though the Czar's ships flounder on to their destruction, these things are as nothing against the conflicting forces at home.

If the Czar sides with the Church and the nobles he declares against an uprising proletariat of 80,000,000 people, each of whom has come to know he is a human being, having a right to think and act for himself.

If he goes with the masses, he must break from the traditions of the oldest dynasty of Europe and incur the hate of a bureaucracy and a Church which for a thousand years have been all powerful in all things.

But this frail man of generous impulses and high resolve, cursed with the precedents of the most blighting despotism that ever held men as thralls, must decide.

The rule of his empire has made Nicholas the man above his people—the intermediary between them and God—and it remains for him to say whether he will destroy this fiction or see his empire go to pieces under the rising tide of a democracy that counts the divine right of kings as nothing.

The most perplexed and wearied man to-day in Russia is the head of the Romanoffs, who must choose between chaos and a constitution.

"PORT ARTHUR'S REDOUT WILL BE MY GRAVE!"

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:

The above line appeared as a display head in the BOSTON AMERICAN, and has inspired me to write the following lines:

"Port Arthur's Redoubt will be my grave!"
He spoke with forth-no-fear resolve.
Around him smoke and cannon roar,
Loud thunders echo, echo roars.
His word to the men the struggle with—
An eagle poised on crest peak.

He leads the perilled host to scan
The writhing fate of Arthur's fall.
When up the steep the horde he arrives,
His men are dead, he's left alone.
He stands unbroken on the hill,
Leading not vain on desperate war.

He notes the baron's reddening water,
Hears are his wants the hour of slaughter—
Yet still the wrath of vendetta lies,
The mind of battle and assaulting,
His heart, Honor, leads to fall.

So on this herd of Lion Tung,
When broken Honor are dead or sung,
Let Stoessel's spy stand long alone,
But dare not to his fathers moan,
He needs not news of onslaugh crass—
"Port Arthur's Redoubt will be my grave!"

HENRY O'MEARA

Boston.

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT!

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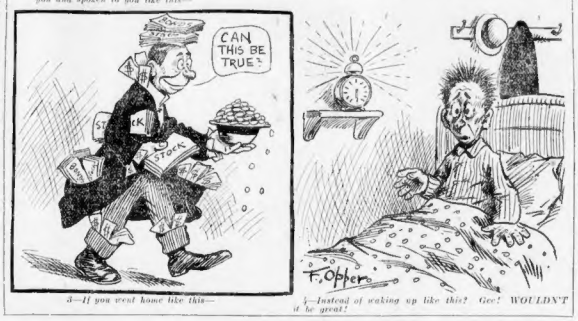
1—When you had seen John D. Rockefeller on the street and he had approached you and spoken to you like this—

2—And had taken you to his safe deposit vaults and spoken to you like this—



3—If you went home like this—

4—Instead of waking up like this? Gee! WOULDN'T it be great!

MRS. HAMMER MEETS MRS. CROWBAR

1.—MRS. HAMMER—How do you do, Mrs. Crowbar? I'm so glad to see you! And what a lovely hat you have on! It is a perfect dream!

MRS. CROWBAR—Do you really think so, Mrs. Hammer? (Aside.) I'll just bet anything she'll go and get one exactly like it the very first chance she gets.

2.—MRS. HAMMER—Yes, indeed. I remember I had one almost precisely like that two years ago and I was broken-hearted when the style changed and I had to discard it.

MRS. CROWBAR—Oh, the horrid thing! What a fool I was to give her a chance like that! I might have known she was leading me on!

THE LITTLE ONE—It's taboy to go to out off our curls, but Mamma'll be so thankful when I tell her.

THE BIG ONE—Don't tell her, kid. I'd redder do me little acts o' kindness widout hafing folks know about 'em!

SWIPES—I'll take you home, Willyum.

WILLIAM—Watcher talking about? I know de way home!

SWIPES—I do, some ue. You looked as dough you was lost in dem pants!

"Isaiah, see? Of course he insulted me! Didn't he slap you in de face an kick yer?"

"Yes, but he was smiling all de time, see'zat he?"

TROUBLE BRUIN

SAY MOTHER, I THINK I HEAR WATER RUNNING IN THE KITCHEN
YOU HAVE ANOTHER THINK!
WHERE'S THAT KID OF OURS?
OH OUT IN THE YARD I S'POSE— HOW SHOULD I KNOW
I TELL YOU I HEAR WATER RUNNING!
LANDSAKES ALIVE!
SEE IT STEAM!
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The Innocent Little Darling Meant No Harm

By The Stenographer

DESPITE FOREIGN OPINION THE AMERICAN MOTHER RULES HER HOME AND CHILDREN

"I SEE," said the Stenographer, "that a German Solomon, who is lecturing in this country, says that no other women in the world has so little influence over her children as the American mother."

"It's wonderful what foreigners know about us!" exclaimed the Bookkeeper, admiringly. "We should never know what curious peculiarities we have if some long-haired yap from across the water didn't come over the pond and point 'em out to us."

"I own," confessed the Stenographer, "that it was some of a surprise to me to learn that the American woman had no influence over her children, for in all the houses where I am privileged to visit Mother's the whole works. She's it, and Papa's merely an ornamental fringe on the edge of the family. He cuts no ice, and except for the question of morals and money he might as well not exist."

"That's so," said the Bookkeeper. "It's the hen that rules the domestic roost all right with us."

"The average American father has not even got a spanking acquaintance with his own children," went on the Stenographer, "and he wouldn't dream of doing anything so nervy as interfering with the way his wife is raising them, no matter how fool and fatal that way is. D'ye suppose if the fathers had any say so in the matter you would see spindle-shanked little boys going around with long, limp molasses candy curls, or rigged out in little Fauntleroy disguises?

"Nary a bit of it. That's the boy's romantic novel-reading mother's idea of making him picturesque. The Picturesque Child, and the Child Educationist, and the Infant Phenomenon, and the Model Child that never plays with other children or rumples his clothes, are all mother's handiwork, and, though father may secretly disapprove, he never takes the trouble to step in and save his unfortunate progeny from the blighting curse of having been forced to illustrate his mother's theories."

"I wonder why men don't take as much interest in raising their children as they do in training a puppy?" inquired the Bookkeeper.

"It's against the customs of the country for one thing," returned the Stenographer, "and for another a man lacks time. The American child is one of the most expensive luxuries in the world, and the father's kept so busy hustling to support it that he hasn't leisure for anything else. If he pays the bills he considers that he has done his full duty as a parent. You never hear of a bunch of business men getting together in Fathers' Congresses to discuss the best methods of rearing their offspring.

"No, they leave all that to women, and it's women who have originated the theory that it breaks a child's proud spirit to make it obey. It's women who hit on the gorgeous idea that you can fit a boy to resist the temptations of life by keeping him in ignorance of them. It's women who pity their sons for having to work, instead of teaching them that they are dead lucky to be able to hold down a good job. It's women who decide what sort of an education their children shall pursue, and who try to make preachers and lawyers and doctors and actors out of boys who ought to be blacksmiths and carpenters and bricklayers."

"Don't you think mothers are better fitted to raise children than fathers are?" asked the Bookkeeper.

"Rearing children," replied the Stenographer, "is a two-handed game that it takes both a mother and a father to pull off successfully. A man lacks the patience and the tenderness and a woman lacks the backbone to do it alone, and neither alone has the common sense to deal with children intelligently, and they are too much given to letting their heart sidetrack their judgment."

"And that's no joke!" exclaimed the Bookkeeper. "There's a woman living who can be just or reasonable where her own children are concerned."

"No," responded the Stenographer. "And the greatest national danger that threatens our country is the fact that to all intents and purposes American children are half orphans."

BELLE BLITZ.

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A Real Old Santa Claus

By James Montague

I'D like to be the president of some substantial bank,
And tell my sad depositors in language very frank
That I had loaned their money out to some nice lady, who
Had given no security, but merely asked me to.
I'd like to be thus generous with others' gold, because
I'd gain a reputation as a real old Santa Claus.

Little Editorials from the People

CURE DISEASES, NOT SYMPTOMS ALONE, IN THE BODY POLITIC.

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:

I read with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction the fine lesson in last Sunday's BOSTON AMERICAN editorial, dealing with the initiative, referendum and recall, which it imparts with such directness and vigor. Every shot in that editorial, if I may take a simile from the shooting gallery, rings clear from the bullseye of our political grievances.

If good government clubs were to direct their efforts toward the success of these principles, they would accomplish immeasurably more good than they do. At best it may be said they are seeking to treat symptoms while they leave the disease unmolested.

It is a hopeful and encouraging indication, at a time when so many public men betray their trusts, that in such an organ as the BOSTON AMERICAN the people discover a strong and effective fight arm, which they are likely to use increasingly.

Boston. DARBY.

AN APPEAL FOR THE FALL RIVER STRIKERS

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:

I send you these few verses in behalf of the suffering strikers of Fall River. Your readers are the very best I ever saw. Their mending sinks deeper than any secmen ever preached!

We are only poor weavers,
Starving in the cold!
For the masters we did labor,
In return they took the gold.

We gave the best we had to give
To them and their descendants,
But they begrudge to let us live
And feed our poor dependents.

Kind friends, I hope you will not forget
The poor widow's mite;
If only very little—yet
Some life it may make bright.

Lowell. K. E. DENAULT.

VIEWS OF JOHN CARTER ON TRUSTS AND MERGERS

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:

If Lawson, Ida Tarbell and other magazine writers are telling the truth about Standard Oil, Amalgamated Copper, the Steel and Shipbuilding trusts and railroad mergers, why don't the people who have paid for and built these properties take them, discharge the high-priced officials and run them on a socialistic basis?

Somerville, Mass. JOHN CARTER.

MR. EASDALE'S OPINION OF PRENZIED FINANCIERS

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:

I think Greene and Lawson understand the value of printer's ink when well put on; would also say that their conduct of late has been like that of any city hoodlums. When things go slow with them, they get up a fake street fight to draw a crowd, so as to pull in some watches, chains and pocketbooks.

ROBERT EASDALE.

West Berlin, Mass.